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It occurred to me recently that it's been a surprisingly long time since we featured the Penny Black in *Stamp Magazine*.

On one hand that seems odd. After all, it was the world's first postage stamp, the one that revolutionised the sending of letters, the one that everyone would like an example of, the one that kick-started the hobby of philately.

On the other hand, it's not an easy subject to cover in a magazine. It's a known quantity that has been exhaustively researched, about which many weighty volumes have been written, about which it can be hard to find anything new to say.

As you will find out, however, if we've been ignoring the 1840 1d black for a while, we're making up for it this month, as it reaches its 175th birthday.

It's unavoidable, really! Even if we hadn't chosen to devote space to a retrospective of this cultural icon (see pages 50 & 58), we would still be reporting on the way the anniversary is being marked by a raft of commemorative issues, not least from Britain.

Whether you prefer to mark the occasion by way of stamps, covers, booklets, personalised sheets or even pin badges, there is something out there for you (see page 28).

Some of these souvenirs are limited editions with restricted availability, giving you one more reason to visit this country's biggest exhibition for five years, London 2015 Europhilex (see page 10). Our top news story about the printing plate of the 'Post Office' Mauritius stamps (see page 8) offers yet another...



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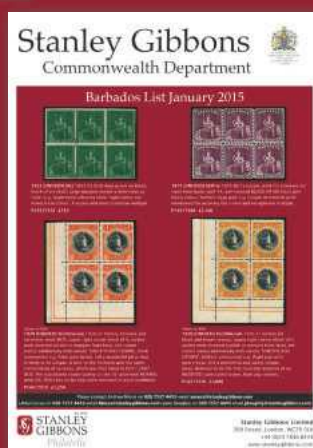
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See the Mauritius 1847 printing plate on show for the first time in 80 years

The copper printing plate for the iconic 1847 'Post Office' 1d and 2d stamps of Mauritius has been rediscovered after 80 years, and will be on display at London 2015 Europhilex in May.

The plate was used to print the first colonial issues of the British Empire, which rank among the world's greatest rarities. Of 1,000 stamps produced, only 27 survive.

Acquired by Maurice Burrus around 1930, the plate was displayed at the Royal Philatelic Society London's 1935 Silver Jubilee exhibition. It has not been seen in public since, and it was feared that it had been lost.

Following the death of Maurice's niece Odile Burrus, however, it has been rediscovered by the Burrus family and entrusted to the care of the dealer and auctioneer David Feldman of Geneva.

Feldman said: 'The summit of my philatelic career was handling the sale of the great Mauritius collection belonging to Hiroyuki Kanai in 1993, but there was always one item missing from that collection. It is a great privilege to be able to handle this most elusive item at last!'



Isle of Man links Penny Black and Stanley Gibbons anniversaries

The Isle of Man commemorated the 175th birthdays of the postage stamp and of Stanley Gibbons together in a set of six stamps in February.

Values of 1p, 42p and 90p illustrated the 1840 Penny Black, 1840 Twopenny Blue and 1841 Penny Red respectively, while Gibbons

was portrayed with one of his many publications on the £1.20 value.

The £1.60 depicted William Mulready with a used item of his postal stationery and the £2.30 showed Rowland Hill with a Penny Red cover, both items being addressed to the Isle of Man.



The 8-year-old Penny Black fan

One of the latest collectors to experience the joy of owning a Penny Black, aged 175, is Rosie Scott, aged 8.

The schoolgirl from Romford was the winner of Stamp Active Network's prize draw at Spring Stampex, the stamp being donated by Mulready Philatelics.



Gallipoli remembered by Australia and New Zealand joint issue...

Australia and New Zealand have produced a joint issue to mark the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign of World War I, in which soldiers of the two nations fought side-by-side for the first time under the banner of the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.

The pair of stamps from each country show a silhouetted sentry and bugler against a backdrop of the landing ground which was dubbed Anzac Cove, with the floral emblems of Australia's golden wattle and New Zealand's silver fern.

ANZAC troops were in the front line for the invasion of Turkey which was launched in April 1915. More than 10,000 were killed and 24,000 wounded before the nine-month campaign ended in withdrawal in January 2016 (see page 68).



...and by NZ's latest World War I gallery

The second issue in New Zealand's five-year series commemorating World War I is a 10-stamp set entitled 1915: The Spirit of Anzac.

The designs include a period photograph of the landings at Gallipoli in Turkey, Horace Moore-Jones's famous watercolour of *The Sapper & His Donkey* at Anzac Cove, and a painting of the Battle of Chunuk Bair, where ANZAC forces suffered heavy losses.

There are also images of a soldier's letter home from Egypt, a nurse, a hospital ship, a fundraising event for wounded soldiers, the memorial to the sinking of the troopship *Marquette*, a War Census poster which urged men to register for service, and a poster celebrating the bond between Britain, Australia and New Zealand.



Faroes hails Magna Carta

The Faroe Islands has issued a stamp commemorating the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, the legal document by which the powers of the King of England were limited for the first time by his barons.

Signed by King John at Runnymede in Surrey on June 15, 1215, the treaty is regarded around the world as an important early declaration of human rights and the foundation for written constitutions.

The 24kr stamp illustrates battling knights under a Latin quotation from the original document.

Royal Mail has a commemorative stamp issue scheduled for June 2.



No more Paris exhibitions?

Planète Timbres, the biennial stamp show in Paris, will not take place in 2016 and may never return to the calendar.

Claude Désarménien, the President of the Federation of French Philatelic Associations, announced the cancellation in March, implying that it was difficult to persuade the French postal authority, dealers and societies to work together to rescue the event.

Paris still has an annual dealers' show and other weekend events, but exhibiting is a low priority for these.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➤ Non-members are welcome, at the Royal Philatelic Society London's open day at 41 Devonshire Place on Thursday May 14, from 11am-4pm. Displays will be mounted, tours of the building offered, and cream teas served. Visit www.rpsl.org.uk

➤ The Falkirk & District Philatelic Society, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, hosts the 86th Scottish Philatelic Congress at the Dewar's Centre in Perth on April 17-18.

➤ Plymouth is in the process of commissioning a piece of public art to commemorate Edward Gibbons, the local boy who became the world's most famous stamp dealer. The chosen work could be on display on Plymouth Hoe for up to a year, starting in June.

➤ Australian auction house Prestige Philately has merged with the art and antiques auction house Mossgreen, with Prestige's Gary Watson as head of philately.

➤ The Postal Stationery Society's two displays on the Thursday at London 2015 Europhilex, on the Queen Victoria 1/2d embossed stamp and New South Wales Christmas, New Year and Greetings issues, are open to all. For details contact Colin Baker. Tel: 01985 840033.

➤ Swiss artist Hans Erni, who designed stamps for Switzerland, Liechtenstein and the United Nations, has died at the age of 106.

Something for everyone at London 2015 Europhilex

Britain's first European-level philatelic exhibition, London 2015 Europhilex, will bring together 1,500 frames of competitive exhibits, around 150 trade stands and a wide variety of special displays, seminars and society meetings at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London, from May 13-16.

Special features include the 20-frame Philatelic Events That Changed The World display, an exceptional assembly of material, including many great rarities, brought together for the first time under the auspices of the prestigious Club de Monte Carlo.

Also on display will be the newly rediscovered printing plate which was used to produce the legendary first stamps of Mauritius, the 'Post Office' 1d and 2d of 1847, and the printing press used by the notorious forger Jean de Sperati, from

which special reprints will be created.

The competitive exhibits will provide a spectacular array of material from all major classes, including the winning entries in the Thematic class which will have been judged a week earlier at the Essen International Stamp Fair. Stands have been booked by many overseas dealers, auctioneers and postal administrations who are rarely represented at British events.

A large Royal Mail stand will be selling new products linked to the exhibition and the 175th anniversary of the Penny Black, and the Stamp Active Network will be offering activities for younger visitors.

Royal Mail is running daily seminars on subjects including stamp design and printing, while the Federation of European Philatelic Associations is arranging talks to help collectors develop exhibits in the

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Thursday May 14,
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Friday May 15,
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Saturday May 16,
10am-5pm, entry free





traditional, postal history, thematic and open classes. Also hosting public seminars will be Stanley Gibbons on the

Thursday and the Confederate Stamp Alliance on the Friday.

Exhibition souvenirs available to visitors will include complete sets of the promotional postcards looking back over 125 years of international philatelic exhibitions in London, and two limited-edition customised Smilers sheets, one honouring the Federation of European Philatelic Associations and the other celebrating the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta.

On the Saturday, Heinrich Köhler & Corinthia will hold an auction of rarities with starting prices from £1,000 for single lots and £10,000 for collections. Estimates for the 350 lots total around €2m.

For further details of all aspects of the exhibition, visit www.london2015.net



ABOVE: This 1839 Rowland Hill sketch for the first postage stamp is part of the Philatelic Events That Changed The World display

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ORIGINAL PENNY BLACK DIES

Interactive display by the British Postal Museum & Archive, on stand G133

REDISCOVERED MAURITIUS PLATE

The printing plate used to produce the first stamps of Mauritius, on stand G124

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Demonstrations of the machine used by Jean de Sperati to print his infamous forgeries, adjacent to stand 506

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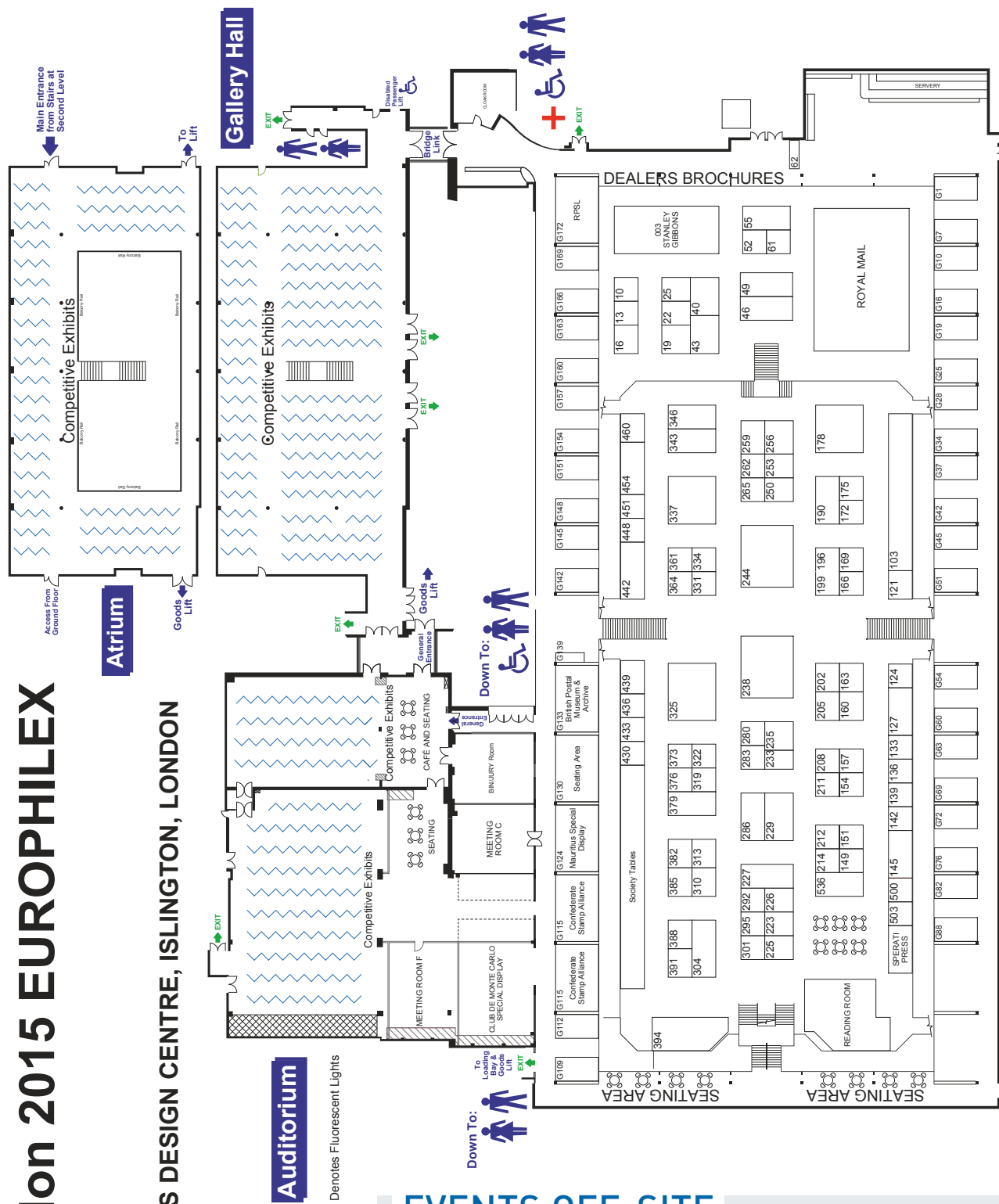
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CANADA 1911 Admirals imprint blocks

A highly specialised collection of Canada's Admirals definitive issue from the reign of King George V went under the hammer at Brigham Auctions, comprising more than 1,000 lots from the complex and popular series, split up in such a way as to make them affordable for collectors with a modest budget.

Beyond the means of many, however, was the top seller: a set of eight values ranging from 4c up to \$1 in imperforate imprint blocks of eight, with traces of hinges only in the margins.

Recess-printed by the American Bank Note Co, the Admirals were first issued in 1911 and remained in use until the early 1930s.

SOLD BY BRIGHAM £69,242



GERMAN OCCUPATION OF UKRAINE 1944 Unique imperforate block

Felzmann's sale included what is thought to be a unique block from one of the oddest local provisional issues of World War II, that of Gorochow (Horochiw), during the German occupation of Ukraine.

The town's single stamp issue, the 12pf +28pf red and black semi-postal of March 1944, was printed on both sides of the sheet and in a tête-bêche arrangement.

It is therefore best collected in blocks of four, with two stamps on each side of the paper.

However, only 200 stamps were ever printed, of which only two blocks of four were left imperforate. One of these is now believed to have been broken up, leaving this imperforate block as the only one of its kind.

**SOLD BY FELZMANN
£49,831**



RHODESIA 1910 1d perforation error

Spink's latest instalment of the sale of the Vestey collection concentrated on the ever popular 1910-13 Double Head issue of Rhodesia. Among more than 500 lots, the highest realisation was made by this fabulous exhibition piece, described by the auctioneer as 'a monumental rarity'.

It's a bottom marginal block of eight of the 1d in the bright carmine shade, horizontally imperforate between. In the margin at lower right is the imprint of Waterlow & Sons.

Examples of the ½d value are also known imperforate between, and pairs of either variety are catalogued from £20,000 upwards.

SOLD BY SPINK £35,000



CHINA 1970-71 Unissued Lin Biao stamp

The biggest price in Status International's latest sale was fetched by a Chinese stamp whose authenticity the auctioneer explicitly stated it could not guarantee.

The 8f design depicting Communist Party Chairman Mao Zedong (left) and Marshall Lin Biao (right, holding Mao's 'little red book') was prepared in 1970-71 when Lin was Mao's deputy and his nominated successor. But he died in mysterious circumstances, in a plane crash in September 1971, perhaps trying to flee a purge after suddenly falling out of favour.

The issue was cancelled, but printed stamps have apparently found their way onto the philatelic market, adding another modern rarity for the collectors of China to pursue.

SOLD BY STATUS INTERNATIONAL £15,610



AUSTRALIA 1951 3½d pair imperforate between

The first philatelic sale held by Mossgreen after its take-over of Prestige Philately offered one of Australia's greatest rarities of the reign of King George VI, a horizontal pair of the 3½d from the 1951 definitive series, imperforate between.

Only three such pairs are known (one of which is damaged), and it is recorded that they used to make up a single block of six. This is believed to have been a booklet pane, with the perforation error being caused by a paper fold.

The pair at auction did show traces of vertical creases, which corroborate that theory.

**SOLD BY
MOSSGREEN
£8,366**



GREAT BRITAIN 1967 Missing colour error

Part one of the sale of the 'Golden' Collection of Great Britain by Grosvenor reiterated the continuing popularity of Queen Elizabeth II missing colour errors, with the highest realisation being for a 1967 Christmas 1s 6d missing lemon.

The error seriously affects the skin tones of the subjects in Louis Le Nain's painting *The Adoration of the Shepherds*, and leaves the whole image paler than it should be.

Only three mint copies are known, one of these having been mounted and damaged. This particular example had a light vertical bend but was otherwise fine.

**SOLD BY GROSVENOR
£7,200**



JAMAICA 1941 Line-perf 5s

The Libra Collection of King George VI, sold by Murray Payne, included one of the most desirable examples of a Jamaican rarity, the 1938-52 5s slate blue and yellow orange with line-perforation.

As an emergency measure after De La Rue's printing works in London was bombed during the Blitz in December 1940, the stamp was line-perforated in early 1941 with an irregular gauge of 14-14.15, rather than comb-perforated 13.8 x 13.7 as normal.

This particular unmounted mint 5s, perf 14.1, was a bottom marginal example, with part of the printer's imprint showing, as well as the blue ornamentation at the very base of the selvage.

SOLD BY MURRAY PAYNE £4,600



TASMANIA 1823 Rare postmark

Cavendish's worldwide auction included this little gem of a pre-stamp cover from Van Diemen's Land, the British colony which would later be renamed Tasmania.

Sent just a few miles from George Town south to Rouge Mount, near Launceston, on September 12, 1823, it is the earliest of only two covers in private hands bearing the undated circular postmark of George Town.

SOLD BY CAVENDISH £4,000



GREECE 1900 Scarce surcharge block

The latest Karamitsos sale of Greece offered specialist collectors of the classic Large Hermes Head issues a rare surcharge variety dating from 1900.

It is thought that only one imperforate and one perforated sheets of the 5dr on 40l greyish magenta on blue meshed paper were ever produced, as most of the overprints were carried out on more common printings of the 40l.

Single stamps are scarce enough, so this mint imperforate block of four was most desirable, especially as the top left stamp showed the 'Long Nostril' plate flaw, which has been determined as being from position 107 in the sheet.

The Large Hermes Head, Greece's first stamp design, had been in use since 1861. The provisional surcharges of 1900, of which the 5dr on 40l was the top value, were its final hurrah as a definitive issue.

SOLD BY KARAMITSOS £3,203



CEYLON 1885 Perforation error

Grosvenor's sale included one of the lesser known rarities among Ceylon's many provisional surcharges of the 1880s.

These are mainly celebrated for their various overprint flaws, but another sought-after item is the 10c on 64c red-brown from the 1885 issue on Crown CC-watermarked paper and perforated 14 x 12.5, imperforate between.

Only five vertical pairs exist, so this is key exhibition piece.

SOLD BY GROSVENOR £3,200



NETHERLANDS 1877 Infamous fake

Corinphila achieved an incongruously respectable price for the most famous fake in Dutch philately.

The item purports to be a 1877 1c telegram stamp with inverted value, and it has graced many important collections over the years; surprisingly, it is still included in the Yvert catalogue with a price tag of €40,000 (about £30,000).

But in the early 1990s, when it was resubmitted for a certificate of authenticity, it came to light that the centre part of the stamp had been cut out and very carefully replaced in such a way that the value would appear inverted.

SOLD BY CORINPHILA £2,018



GREAT BRITAIN 1971 Missing colour error

Warwick & Warwick sold what is believed to be the only surviving example of Great Britain's 1971 Anniversaries 3p with olive-green missing.

This printing error takes all the colour out of the two military uniforms shown in the design, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the British Legion.

Used, with a light but slightly smudged cancellation, it's one of six different missing colour errors for the 3p value which are described in Pierron's catalogue of GB errors. The other two values in the set were also afflicted by printing problems.

SOLD BY WARWICK & WARWICK £1,830



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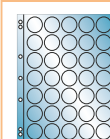
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Having a laugh on April Fools' Day



The issue date of April 1 was carefully chosen for the Comedy Greats set, which celebrates 10 of Britain's best loved funny acts of the past 60 years, including many whose work is considered a landmark in the history of entertainment.

Royal Mail says that inspiration behind the issue is that a quirky sense of humour is a trait synonymous with British people. There are also several linked anniversaries, including the centenary of the birth of Norman Wisdom and the 50th anniversary of the first broadcast of *Not Only...But Also...*

Available in se-tenant strips of five, the stamps were designed by The Chase and printed in lithography by ISP.

1st class SPIKE MILLIGAN

The main inspiration behind *The Goon Show*, the BBC radio programme that ran from 1951 to 1960, Milligan (1918-2002) was also known for the television show *Q* from 1969-1982. His stream-of-consciousness humour is known to have inspired Monty Python.

1st class THE TWO RONNIES

Ronnie Barker (1929-2005) and Ronnie Corbett (b1930) first worked together on *The Frost Report* in the mid-1960s and teamed up for their own television show from 1971-87. Sketches, spoof news reports and musical send-ups were their stock in trade.

1st class BILLY CONNOLLY

An irreverent Glaswegian, Connolly (b1942) was a shipyard welder and a folk-singer before he came to fame in the 1970s as a stand-up comic and actor. His earthy, observational stories about everyday life inspired a generation of future comedians.

1st class MORECAMBE & WISE

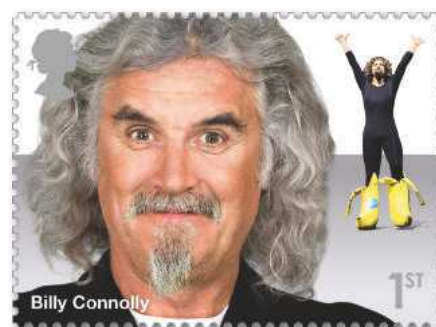
Eric Morecambe (1926-84) and Ernie Wise (1925-99) teamed up as teenagers to perfect a brand a comedy rooted in the music hall variety tradition, and presented their television show from 1968-84. Almost every year from 1969 until 1980, they had a Christmas Day special drawing some of the highest audiences in television history.

1st class NORMAN WISDOM

Best known for a series of comedy films produced in 1953-66 featuring his hapless character Norman Pitkin, Wisdom (1915-2010) was once nominated by Charlie Chaplin, no less, as his favourite clown. Famously, his films were the only ones from the capitalist world permitted to be shown in Albania under the closed Hoxha regime.

1st class LENNY HENRY

Henry (b1958) came to fame by winning the television talent show *New Faces* in 1975, and ended up with his own series by 1984. A



stand-up combining social commentary with mimicry, but also a Shakespearean actor, he co-founded the charity Comic Relief, which has raised more than £1bn over 30 years for disadvantaged people.

1st class PETER COOK & DUDLEY MOORE

Cook (1937-95) and Moore (1935-2002) made their name in the satirical stage revue *Beyond The Fringe*, and went on to establish a sketch style which was both risqué and literate in their television show *Not Only...But Also...*, which ran from 1964-70. Cook also provided financial backing for the satirical magazine *Private Eye*, while Moore became a Hollywood actor.

1st class MONTY PYTHON

Graham Chapman (1941-89), John Cleese (b1939), Terry Gilliam (b1940), Eric Idle



(b1943), Terry Jones (b1942) and Michael Palin (b1943) introduced television audiences to a pioneering form of comedy sketch show as *Monty Python's Flying Circus* from 1969-74. Making fun of British sensibilities, usually surreal and not always with punchlines, it bred a cult following and a series of movies.

1st class FRENCH & SAUNDERS

Dawn French (b1957) and Jennifer Saunders (b1958) paved the way for a new generation of funny women with their eponymous

sketch show, which first aired in 1987, not least for its spoofs of cult films and television programmes. Individually, they also won critical acclaim for their sitcoms, *The Vicar of Dibley* and *Absolutely Fabulous* respectively.

1st class VICTORIA WOOD

Another winner of the *New Faces* talent show, in 1974, Wood (b1953) developed a style of gentle observational humour which thrived both in her sketch show *Victoria Wood: As Seen On TV*, from 1984, and in her sitcom *Dinnerladies*, from 1998. Her live act comprises monologues interspersed with songs of her own composition, which she accompanies on piano.

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The 1d is shown with corner letters SC and the 2d with corner letters QB.

The miniature sheet border features a photograph of the hand-operated printing presses at Perkins, Bacon & Petch, the company which printed the original stamps.

Designed by Sedley Place, the issue was printed in lithography by International Security Printers.

1st class PENNY BLACK

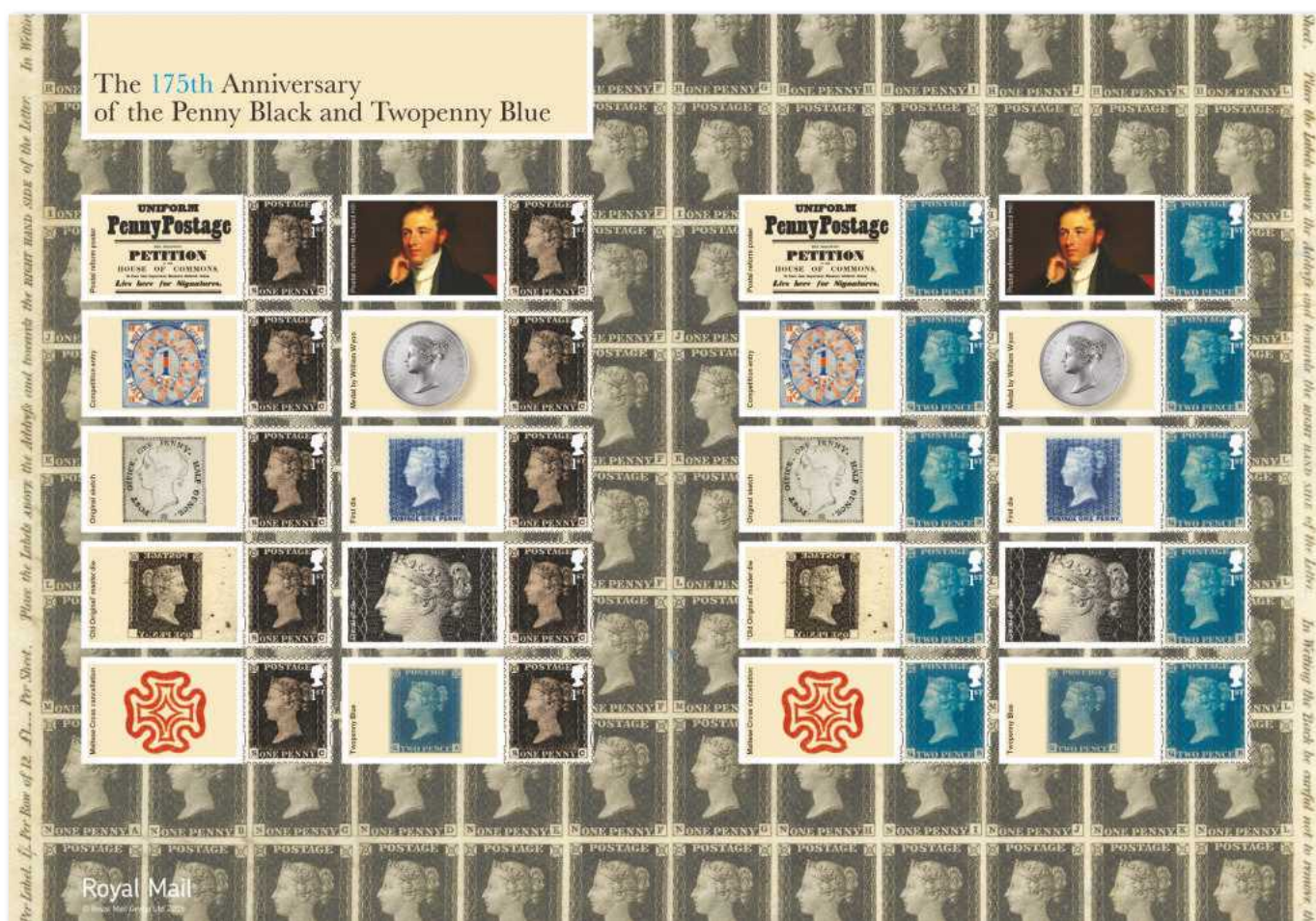
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Both stamps also feature on a 175th Anniversary of the Penny Black & Twopenny Blue generic Smilers sheet. Ten of each design are accompanied by 10 labels (chosen in consultation with Douglas Muir, the Curator of Philately at the British Postal Museum & Archive) highlighting milestones in the development of the stamps: a postal reform petition poster, a portrait of Rowland Hill, a Treasury Competition entry, William Wyon's City Medal, the original sketch for a stamp, the first die of an unissued design, the 'old Original' master die for the Penny Black, a detail of the die, a Maltese cross cancellation and an issued Twopenny Blue. The border has an image of part of a printed sheet of Penny Blacks.

The new 1st class Penny Black stamp will also be available in personalised Smilers sheets of 10 or 20.

Royal Mail first day covers can be cancelled with either a handstamp reprising the original Maltese cross design of 1840 or one reprising the Bath postmark which was famously used to cancel a Penny Black on May 2, 1840, four days before the issue date. To reflect the original colour of cancellations, both will be applied in red ink.

Other products include the usual stamp cards, a special medal cover and even a Penny Black pin badge.

VERDICT

COMMEMORATIVE WORTH ★★★★★

The first ever stamp issue is the starting point of all philately, and it's only fitting that all its major anniversaries should be celebrated

QUALITY OF DESIGN ★★★★★

Placing a modern value on an iconic design looks awkward, and the miniature sheet is (whisper it) ever so slightly dull

WOW FACTOR ★★★★★

Usage on cover should catch the eye, but dare we have hoped for a recess-printed issue as a one-off on this occasion?

NEWS IN BRIEF

➤ The British Postal Museum & Archive in London is mounting a special exhibition to tell the story of the Penny Black. Running from May 6 until August 7 (except June 1-12), it will offer visitors a rare opportunity to see its complete sheet of the stamp.

➤ Rushstamps has announced that it will buy copies of the limited-edition 175th Anniversary of the Penny Black miniature sheet for £10 each at London 2015 Europhilex.

➤ Buckingham Covers is offering first day covers for the Penny Black commemorative issue using genuine 1840 Mulready lettersheets and 1890 Penny Postage Jubilee envelopes and cards. Visit www.buckinghamcovers.com

➤ A consignment of no fewer than 250 Penny Black covers will feature in Corbitts' auction on April 23. Visit www.corbitts.com

➤ Former heptathlete Kelly Sotherton's gold medal from the 2006 Commonwealth Games, which had been stolen from her home in Sutton Coldfield in February, was found dumped in a postbox in March, following an appeal broadcast on BBC television programme *Crimewatch*.

➤ Adrian Bradbury has produced a Smilers sheet in association with the Richard III Society, commemorating the 15th-century King of England who was belatedly given a proper burial at Leicester Cathedral in March.

Exhibition specials for London 2015...

Royal Mail will offer a limited-edition version of the 175th Anniversary of the Penny Black miniature sheet at London 2015 Europhilex from May 13-16.

With a special exhibition overprint in the frame around the four stamps, and a unique serial number under the title of the sheet, it will be available only from Royal Mail's stand at the event, and not from the philatelic bureau at Tallents House.

A total of only 7,500 will be produced, with a specific number allocated for sale on each of the four days. Sales are expected to be limited to one per transaction.

Sold in a carrier with a backing card that traces the history of international stamp exhibitions and illustrates



relevant stamps and souvenirs, this special souvenir issue will be priced £4.95, almost exactly double the price of the standard sheet.

Also available only at the exhibition will be a stamp card featuring the overprinted miniature sheet, priced 45p.

...and the traditional Smilers sheet

As is usual for major philatelic exhibitions in Britain and overseas, a generic Smilers sheet will be issued to coincide with London 2015 Europhilex.

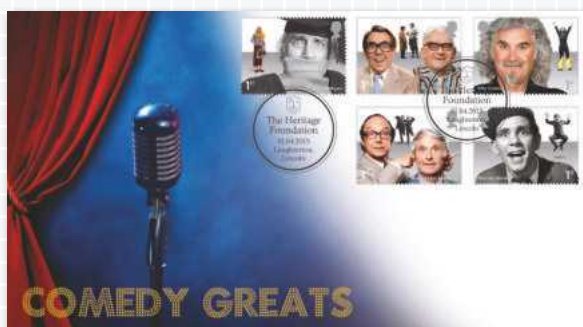
The background image is a 19th-century illustration of London, and the 10 different labels accompanying the 20 1st class Hello stamps also show scenes from the capital, many of them relating to the history of the postal service.

They feature Highgate Cemetery, the Business Design Centre in Islington, the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, the Statue of Sir Rowland Hill in King Edward Street, the blue plaque on the building once occupied by the GPO Film Unit in Blackheath, the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields and HMS *Belfast* on the River Thames, as well as black-and-white archive photographs of the Post Office Railway at Paddington and Whitechapel, and the post office at Buckingham Palace.

The 16th generic sheet commemorating a philatelic exhibition since 2000, the sheet is priced £12.90.



COVER OF THE MONTH



Buckingham Covers has produced a simple but attractive cover design for the Comedy Greats issue, featuring an old-fashioned open microphone beside a stage curtain.

It is complemented by a postmark from Laughterton, sponsored by the Heritage Foundation, which commemorates Britain's favourite entertainers with blue plaques.

The 10-stamp set is split across two covers, each priced £18.40 including p&p.

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New definitives for increased postage rates

Six new values of Machin definitives were issued on March 24, ready for the new postage tariffs which were introduced on March 30.

They were the £1.33 amber yellow, £1.52 orchid mauve, £2.25 plum purple, £2.45 spruce green, £3.15 aqua green and £3.30 rose pink, all self-adhesive with security slits and overlays with 'M15L' year codes.

The three higher values are a direct result of Pricing in Proportion rates being applied to international mail.

Country definitives of £1 and £1.33 were also issued for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, all gummed.

The cost of 2nd class and 1st class postage rose to 54p and 63p respectively, while the 2nd Large and 1st Large rates increased to 74p and 95p respectively, but without new stamps being required.

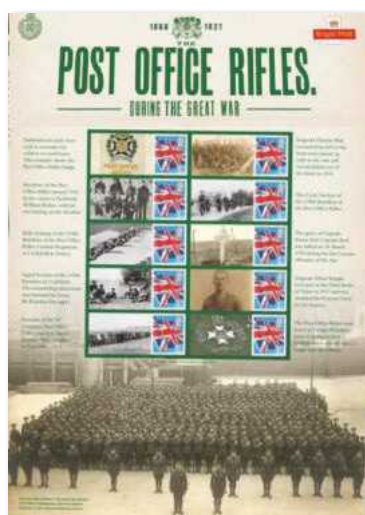


Commemorative sheet lauds Post Office Rifles

A commemorative sheet issued on March 18 marks the centenary of the arrival of the Post Office Rifles, the infantry regiment formed by volunteers from the postal service, on the Western Front in France in 1915.

Its 10 1st class Union Flag stamps are accompanied by labels, captions and a backing card documenting the bravery and tenacity shown by these men during World War I, when they fought in battles including the Somme in 1916 and Passchendaele in 1917.

The Post Office Rifles, more formally known at the time as the 8th Battalion, City of London Regiment, had originally been formed as the 49th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers Corps in 1868.



HOT OFF THE PRESS



Don Staddon has the inside line on British stamp printings, post office supplies and developments in postal mechanisation

COMEDY GREATS PRINTING

The Comedy Greats set was printed by Cartor in two different sheets of 50, divided into panes of 25 by a horizontal gutter.

The cylinder numbers in both cases were C1 x 4, phosphor C1. Phosphor was printed in two broad bands, and the year '2015' is microprinted on each design.

DEFINITIVE PRINTINGS

The six new Machin self-adhesive definitives were all gravure-printed by De La Rue from cylinders C1, phosphor C1, with the phosphor in two broad vignettted bands and the year code 'M15L' in the security overlay.

Printing dates were January 26 for the £1.33 and £1.52, January 14 for the £2.25, January 16 for the £2.45, January 19 for the £3.15 and January 20 for the £3.30.

COUNTRY DEFINITIVE PRINTINGS

The new £1 and £1.33 country definitives were litho-printed by Cartor and show cylinder numbers C1 x 6 for the Wales £1.33, printed on January 14, C1 x 4 for the Wales £1.00 and both Northern Ireland values, printed on January 14, and C1 x 5 for both England and both Scotland values, printed on January 15.

Vignettted phosphor bands were all applied by cylinder C1. It is noticeable that the phosphor has a much lower level of fluorescence on these gummed stamps than on the self-adhesive Machins.

PRESTIGE STAMP BOOK ERROR

A mistake by the printer resulted in the wrong colour being used for the 81p definitive in the Inventive Britain prestige stamp book (March issue, page 24). Instead of holly green, like the current sheet stamp, it is sea green, as it was in 2008.

It stands out as a variety because it has a security overlay, whereas the 2008 definitive did not.

POST & GO RATES

The six standard Post & Go rates have been changed, with Europe up to 100g and Worldwide up to 100g rates replacing Europe up to 60g and Worldwide up to 60g. The cost of a collector's strip has gone up to £7.68.

FIXED POST & GO MACHINES

The last of the old-style Wincor Nixdorf-manufactured Post & Go machines have been removed from post offices. The final one to be taken out of service was reported to be at Swiss Cottage in London on March 23.

A Post & Go machine was expected to go into service at the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton in Somerset around the end of March, vending stamps with the location identifier 'The FAAM' in their overprints.

The kiosks at the Royal Navy Museum in Portsmouth and the Royal Marines Museum in Southsea will both vend stamps with a 'VE Day 70' overprint from May 7-29, and we expect the Fleet Air Arm Museum will follow suit.

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3	1d grey-black	107	1.50	182	1.00	159	159 3d on 3d
4	2d blue	108	0.55	183	0.60	160	160 4d Plate 17
5	1d red-black	109	0.70	184	0.50	161	161 4d Plate 18
6	1d red-black	110	1.50	185	0.60	162	162 4d Plate 19
7	1d red-black	111	0.55	186	0.50	163	163 4d Plate 20
8	1d pale blue	112	0.55	187	0.50	164	164 4d Plate 21
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10	1d pale blue	114	2.50	189	1.40	166	166 4d Plate 23
11	1d pale blue	115	1.40	190	1.40	167	167 4d Plate 24
12	1d pale blue	116	1.80	191	1.40	168	168 4d Plate 25
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21	1d pale blue	125	0.50	200	0.50	177	177 4d Plate 34
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Why not use slogan cancels more to promote the hobby?

Australia Post has recently been using a cancellation promoting philately with the slogan 'Get your teeth into stamp collecting'.

Although I know this idea has been used in Britain in the past, it is a concept which Royal Mail has failed to embrace in recent times, despite producing many slogan cancels in the past year or so.

But what great free advertising it would be for its business, and our hobby!

John Simpson, Sidmouth



ABOVE: Australian slogan cancellation promoting philately, used in late 2014

LETTER OF THE MONTH

If you thought Penny Black shades were tricky, you should try Penny Reds

In response to John Crace's Devil's Advocate column about the difficulties of collecting the Penny Black (April issue, page 33), I gave up some years ago, not because I didn't understand the complexity of the issue but simply because it is extremely expensive for a common stamp!

Instead, I took up collecting the Penny Red, which has many more varieties to get to grips with (including many more plates), but is much more affordable.

My biggest problem is with shades. With the black stamp it is quite simple, in that darker colours are usually early printings and lighter ones usually mean worn plates; with the red stamp, to my mind there are far too many different shades catalogued, and some cost a small fortune.

There must be some uncertainty over these rarer shades, because not everyone sees the same colour in the same way. Also, how can we be certain that the colour we see today is the same as the colour of the stamp when it was first issued?

I think many collectors forget that these stamps are nearly 175 years old, and this must have a bearing. The shade of a stamp might well be different after many years in a collection, depending on how well it has been looked after.

Ray Barton, via e-mail



ABOVE: 1858-79 Penny Reds from plates 174, 175 and 178. But what shades are they?

Biro cancels suggest demotivated postmasters...

The carefully postmarked piece submitted by Tony Mosley (February issue, page 30) brought home to me the realisation that biro cancellations are no more than a symptom. The disease is postmasters and sub-postmasters failing to cancel the stamps in the first place.

I receive philatelic mail from several regular sources, and most, like Tony's

example, is carefully handstamped. Conversely, there is one rural post office from which nothing I've received in 10 years has had a postmark.

Standards are bound to slip while postmasters live with continual uncertainty, so perhaps that's where the problem ultimately lies.

Eric Eunson, via e-mail

...and give us a postal service that leaves no trail

Here's yet another arrogant act of vandalism by some Royal Mail employee, which in my opinion amounts to gross misconduct.

I know that this cover was received in Wellingborough on February 18, 2015, but it could never be produced as evidence of the place or date of posting.

John West, Wellingborough



SOAPBOX

Virtual-reality technology will be key to the experience of visiting museums in the future. And Britain's new Postal Museum will be at the cutting edge, says the BPMA's Sarah Carr

Over the past few months the British Postal Museum & Archive has been exploring how cutting-edge technology can enhance the visitor experience at The Postal Museum, a new national museum coming to central London in 2016.

Part of this activity has been a remarkable project to scan Mail Rail, the old Post Office underground railway, in three dimensions.

THREE-DIMENSIONAL RECORD

Running directly under the feet of millions of unsuspecting Londoners, not to mention the city's most recognisable landmarks, Mail Rail ran from Whitechapel in the east to Paddington in the west.

In operation from 1927 until 2003, this remarkable feat of engineering and ingenuity was the world's first driverless electrified railway.

Since it was shut down more than a decade ago, it has been frozen in time, until now. As part of its ambitious plans for The Postal Museum, the BPMA

intends to open it up to the public, and even offer visitors a ride through some of the original tunnels.

In order to make the space safe and accessible for the public to enjoy, some structural changes will be required. Before these are made, however, we wanted to capture a permanent record of Mail Rail in its original state.

An exciting piece of work was undertaken with ScanLab Projects, the UK's leading provider of large-scale 3D scanning, which is capable of creating precisely measured, beautifully coloured digital visualisations of landscapes, buildings and objects.

This has produced some impressive imagery which illustrates Mail Rail in a way that just isn't possible through traditional photography.

FORWARD THINKING

The project has enhanced the BPMA's understanding and appreciation of the space, and it could also be used to improve the visitor experience once

the museum is open.

For example, the use of virtual-reality technology could enable a three-dimensional 'walkthrough' of hidden parts of the network to be created, or an interactive display that enables layers of imagery to be peeled away to show the industrial detail beneath it.

We believe that this sort of technology, along with augmented-reality apps for smart devices or 3D printed installations, will become ever more popular. Indeed, visitors will increasingly expect additional levels of interactivity as a standard part of their museum experience.

At present this work is still at an experimental stage, but if the necessary funding can be secured, Mail Rail could make use of it from launch.

To find out more about the BPMA's plans to open up Mail Rail, and deliver The Postal Museum, visit www.postalmuseum.org
**Sarah Carr, Communications Officer,
 British Postal Museum & Archive**



ABOVE: Three-dimensional 'walkthrough' of Mail Rail, with the streets and buildings of London above it

SCANLAB PROJECTS

Press coverage Royal Mail can only dream of

In response to your editorial regarding the dismal way in which Royal Mail promotes its stamp issues (January issue, page 4), one of the things it needs to achieve is getting more coverage in newspapers.

The business section of the Thailand daily *The Nation* in December illustrated the new commemorative issue for King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 87th birthday extremely prominently, even though it was accompanied by nothing more than a one-line caption.

Of course, it would also help if Royal Mail reduced the number of issues and produced stamps that people want to buy.

John Howe, Bangkok, Thailand



Catalogue listing not feasible for displaced watermark in booklet

I have to agree with Professor Brent Wilson's sentiment in his Soapbox column (April issue, page 27) that you should never stop looking for uncatalogued varieties such as displaced watermarks. However, the particular example he gave of the King George V 1d booklet pane showing the 'AST' of 'Postage' on the marginal stamps is not as unusual as he implies, and not capable of being given its own catalogue listing.

These panes were printed on the same watermarked paper as counter sheets (intended to show the Simple Royal Cypher in the centre of stamps and the word 'Postage' on the unprinted sides), but with a separate 9mm unprinted selvedge down the centre of the sheet.

Therefore all the stamps were printed further to the left or right, the cypher was always off-centre and 60% of the panes, from the left and right sheet edges, always showed at least part of 'Postage'.

The reason why these cannot be given a catalogue entry is that there is already a listing for sheet stamps showing the 'Postage' part of the watermark but with no sign of the cypher part.

Although Professor Wilson's pane has 'STA' fully on the marginal stamps, these also show part of the cypher. Although a nice variety, this is not one which can be catalogued.

Ian Harvey, via e-mail



Absence makes the heart grow fonder

It is such a shame that Vera Trinder, the famous philatelic bookseller, is now located in Cornwall rather than central London.

I used to love to go into its shop near The Strand and browse through all the catalogues and literature on its shelves. I always bought more than I meant to.

The company must surely be losing business through not having a shop which collectors can visit.

David Sherman, London



Is there any real benefit in registering a letter?

Last year I posted a registered letter to Poland, at a cost of £9.50, containing a stamp insured for £100, to be tracked and signed for on delivery. After a week, the buyer let me know that he was still waiting for my letter.

I checked on its progress via the tracking system, which said that the letter had been delivered and signed for. I filled in a claim form for lost post, and was asked to wait 90 days for the postal service in

Poland to investigate the matter.

Nothing came out of this investigation, and the reply from Royal Mail's International Claims Services in Stoke-on-Trent was that the letter had arrived in Poland and been signed for... But by whom?

Is there any point in registering a letter? By doing so, are you simply indicating to the postman that the contents are valuable enough to be worth stealing?

Jan Korzeniowski, Dartford

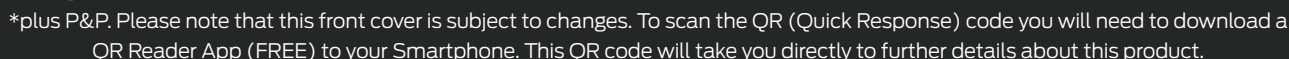
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HALFWAY HOUSE

London is about to host another international exhibition only five years after the last one. With some big anniversaries to celebrate, is this the ideal time to break with tradition?

There was a slight drop in attendance at Spring Stampex in February. Why was that?

It might have been because the event coincided with school half-term holidays, a week when families go away with children or grandchildren. Or it might have been because some were reluctant to travel, fearing overcrowded public transport. Or it might simply have been that collectors decided to wait a few months for London 2015 Europhilex, Britain's biggest exhibition for five years.

Since 1950, we have become accustomed to having an international exhibition in London at the turn of each decade. There were events at Grosvenor House in 1950, the Royal Festival Hall in 1960, Olympia in 1970, Earls Court in 1980, Alexandra Palace in 1990, Earls Court in 2000 and the Business Design Centre in 2010.

This is something rather different, the first time there has been an 'international' at the halfway point in the cycle. But it is on familiar territory, the BDC now being well established as the home of Stampex.

Not all approved of Stampex's move there in 1996, having become accustomed to the Royal Horticultural Halls in Westminster. The dissenting voices had some initial support as freezing temperatures in January 1996 meant electric heaters were needed to provide a little warmth!

Now, however, Islington has established itself as an inviting venue, with good bus and underground rail links, and the exhibition hall itself has good facilities. In May, it should be particularly bright and airy.

For larger exhibitions such as this, the BDC has the advantage of additional space, not required for Stampex but ideal when more dealer stands and

exhibition frames have to be accommodated. Given some clever planning, it coped well with the 2010 event.

Some may regret that it is no longer possible to go to such prestigious exhibition halls as

Earls Court (which has now passed into history, as its demolition commenced at the end of last year) and Olympia. But times have changed.

For a while, the budgets for philatelic exhibitions could be



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generous, mainly thanks to surcharges on Royal Mail miniature sheets. Today we have to adjust our expectations and plan less lavish events. On the plus side, those involved with the day-to-day running of the BDC are very familiar with what is involved in staging a stamp exhibition.

Over the 45 years that I have been involved with London 'internationals' (I was a member of the press and publicity committee for Philypia 1970), there has been frequent talk about staging a 'midway' event, in the middle of the established 10-year cycle. The logic was simple: much experience and expertise had been gained in organising the 'main' event, so why wait another decade to utilise these again? Why not strike while the impetus was still present, rather than starting with a clean sheet of paper once they had receded?

For some reason, mid-term internationals never materialised, until now. But with the need for a European-based (as opposed to world) exhibition, and with London boasting a fine track-record and a tried-and-tested venue, London 2015 makes perfect sense.

Furthermore the timing is very auspicious. The event falls on the 175th anniversary of the Penny Black, the 150th anniversary of the first Stanley Gibbons catalogue and the 125th anniversary of London's first international.

The doors will be open for just four days, from May 13-16, but in that time there will be plenty to see and do (see page 10). Don't miss out! □



ABOVE: London international exhibitions have come a long way since the first of their kind in 1890 (this is the menu card from the formal dinner), and this year's Europhilex marks a new departure

'There has often been talk about staging an international exhibition midway through Britain's established 10-year cycle. It's finally happening'

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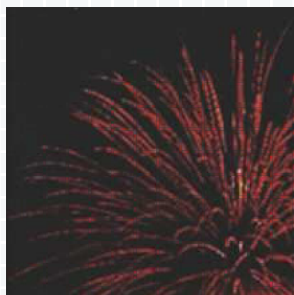
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The closing date for entries is May 14, 2015, and the first correct answer drawn from our postbag after that date will win the book. Good luck!



February's answer



The Spot The Stamp winner from the February issue is Reg Macey from Gravesend, who correctly identified the mystery stamp (left) as the £1.12 value from the 2003 Christmas set, illustrating snow pyramids.

COMPETITION WINNERS Alice in Wonderland pack

In our February issue, we offered the chance to win a presentation pack of the *Alice in Wonderland* issue, courtesy of Royal Mail.

We asked you when Alice previously appeared on a British stamp, leaving you three possible correct answers: the 1979 International Year of the Child set, the 1994 Greetings set or the 1998 Children's Fantasy Novels set.

The 12 lucky winners whose correct answers were the first drawn at random were B R Brandon from Llantwit Major, George Bates from Dronfield, Nick Wood from Winchester, John Payne from Sheringham, Bill Gamble from Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Fraser Macmillan from Glasgow, Robert White from Bath, David Squires from Warrington, Chris Murphy from Nottingham, Nicholas Campbell-Mostert from Woking, Jo Gardiner from Hereford, and Barry Crowder from Chelmsford. Congratulations to you all.



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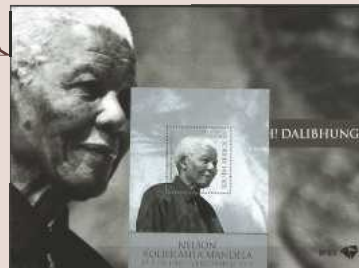


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Black beauty



It is 175 years since Rowland Hill's reforms in Britain changed the course of postal history and created the postage stamp. Here are 40 things every philatelist should know about the Penny Black

□ Report by Penelope Schwarz

1 Posting letters around Britain had always been much more expensive than a penny. When the Royal Mail was opened up to become a public service in 1635, letters were priced by distance travelled, and 2d was the very cheapest fee.

2 Penny posts had only ever existed within individual towns and cities, providing a more personal and convenient service in the days before door-to-door postal delivery was offered. The first of its kind was William Dockwra's service in London, established in 1680 and taken over by the Post Office in 1682.

3 Dockwra's London Penny Post also introduced the pre-payment of postage, which at the time was a revolutionary idea. Until 1840, the vast majority of mail was paid for not by the sender but by the recipient.

4 In the early years of the 19th century, postal services were becoming ever less accessible to the general public. Postage rates were increased in 1801, 1805 and 1812, to help pay for the Napoleonic Wars. By 1839, it cost 4d to send a single sheet less than 15 miles, and more than 1s 6d to send it to certain far-flung corners of the country. In some cases, road and bridge toll charges were added on top.

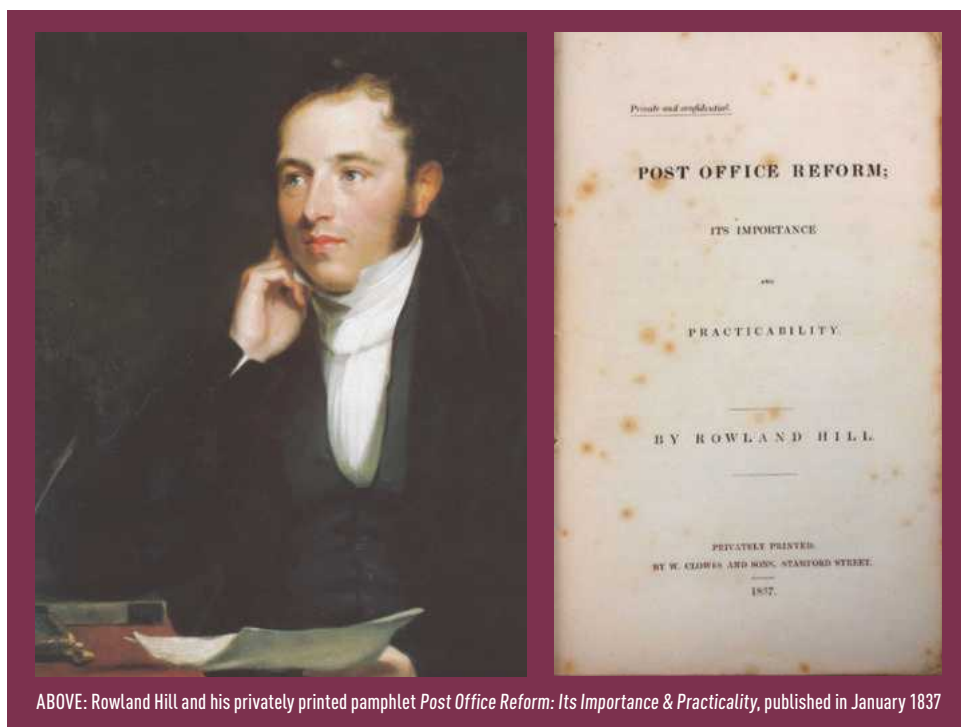
5 Demands for postal reform in the 1920s and 1930s were led by traders who wanted a cheaper service and politicians who hoped to reduce inefficiency and corruption. Proponents in Parliament included Robert Wallace, the MP for Greenock, and Matthew Hill, the MP for Hull, and a Commission of Inquiry into the Post Office was established in 1835.



ABOVE: The Penny Black, the world's first adhesive postage stamp, was issued on May 6, 1840, and is about to celebrate its 175th birthday

6 The most influential argument for change was Rowland Hill's pamphlet *Post Office Reform: Its Importance & Practicality*, which was privately printed in January 1837 and submitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It argued for uniform rates of postage and compulsory pre-payment, to simplify sorting and accounting procedures, and an extremely low basic rate of just 1d, partly to counter any public objections to pre-payment.

7 Initially, adhesive stamps were not central to Hill's thinking. His pamphlet did not address how pre-payment should be made, and on being asked for clarification in February 1837 he suggested the sale of 'stamped covers', effectively postal stationery. Only as an afterthought did he propose something a little more versatile: 'a bit of paper just large enough to bear the stamp, and covered at the back with a glutinous wash'.



ABOVE: Rowland Hill and his privately printed pamphlet *Post Office Reform: Its Importance & Practicality*, published in January 1837

'The designs submitted to the Treasury Competition in 1839 included stamped covers, stamped-to-order paper and labels. Ironically, it was the labels which came to be known as stamps'



ABOVE: Cover posted on the second day of the Fourpenny Post, which was introduced as an interim measure on December 5, 1839, with a manuscript '4' marking indicating the payment required

8 Although James Chalmers was later fêted by some as the true inventor of adhesive stamps, his idea was made public after Hill's. His suggestion of 'stamped slips... rubbed over on the back with a strong solution of gum' was first made to the Post Office in a letter dated February 1838.

9 A Parliamentary Select Committee set up in November 1837, which published its final report in March 1839, only partially accepted Hill's proposals. It recommended an interim basic postage rate of 2d, rather than 1d, and that pre-payment be made optional, rather than compulsory.

10 Lord Melbourne's Whig (Liberal) government passed the legislation paying the way for postal reform with little fuss, even though one of its implications would be the ending of the free franking privilege enjoyed by Members of Parliament. The Postage Duties Bill was introduced in Parliament in July 1839, and became law within a month.

11 In September 1839, Rowland Hill was appointed to oversee postal reform, essentially as a consultant to the Treasury on a two-year contract.

12 Reform was introduced in stages. Charging by weight with a basic uniform postage rate of 4d was introduced on December 5, 1839. The basic rate was reduced to 1d for up to ½oz in weight (if pre-paid) on January 10, 1840, and all free-franking privileges were abolished at the same time. A convenient means of pre-payment would not be available for another four months.

13 More than 2,600 entries were received to the 'Treasury Competition' to design a stamp for pre-paying postage, which was announced on August 23, 1839. Prerequisites included convenience of use, affordable production costs and security against forgery.

14 The 'stamp' designs submitted to the Treasury Competition included stamped covers, stamped-to-order paper and small labels. Ironically, it was the labels which later came to be universally known as stamps.

15 The first prize of £200 in the Treasury Competition was never awarded, because no specific entry was adopted. Instead, four consolation prizes of £100 each were awarded to Charles Whiting, Henry Cole, Benjamin Cheverton and the team of James Bogardus and Francis Coffin.

16 In reporting to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the competition entries in December 1839, Hill opined that an engraved portrait of Queen Victoria on

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Ditto 2 Ounces		3 Ounces Sixpence.

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No Articles should be transmitted by Post which are liable to injury by being stamped, or by being crushed in the Bags.

It is particularly requested that all Letters may be fully and legibly addressed, and posted as early as convenient.

January 7th, 1840.

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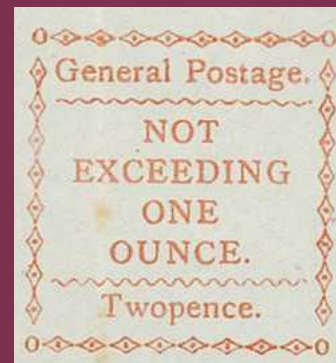
watermarked paper was the best way to prevent forgery.

17 It was agreed between Hill and the Treasury before the end of 1839 that four different ways of pre-paying postage would be offered: stamped lettersheets, stamped envelopes, adhesive labels and stamps embossed to order on paper supplied by the public. Owing to production difficulties, the last of these was not in fact introduced until 1855.

18 Lettersheets and envelopes with values of 1d and 2d were designed William Mulready, engraved by John Thompson, and printed by William Clowes on silk-threaded paper. The elaborate design showed Britannia presiding over communications around the British Empire.

19 From the start the Mulready postal stationery was ridiculed, with *The Times* newspaper leading the assault as early as May 2, 1840. It was also parodied, by means of caricatures produced by commercial stationery printers who thought their business was under threat. It was withdrawn from sale as early as July, leaving the way open for the

ABOVE: Post Office Regulations notice of January 7, 1840, declaring that the basic postage rate was to be reduced to 1d for a letter weighing up to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz, if pre-paid, on January 10



ABOVE: Two very different entries to the 1839 Treasury Competition by Charles Whiting (left) and James Chalmers (right) show how the first postage stamps might have ended up looking

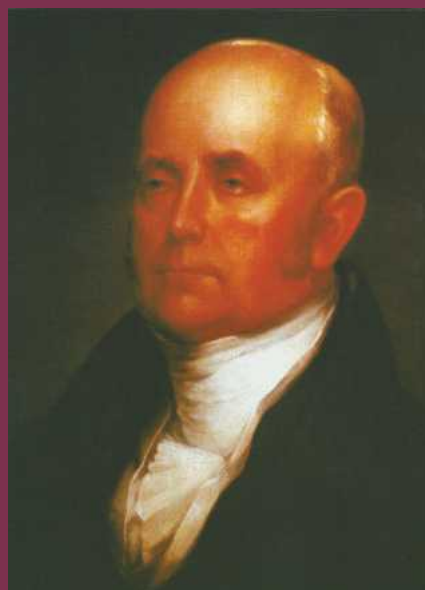
'The proof sheet printed on April 1, 1840, with no corner letters or selvedge inscription, is the only surviving complete sheet of 240 Penny Blacks'

adhesive stamp to dominate the payment of postage.

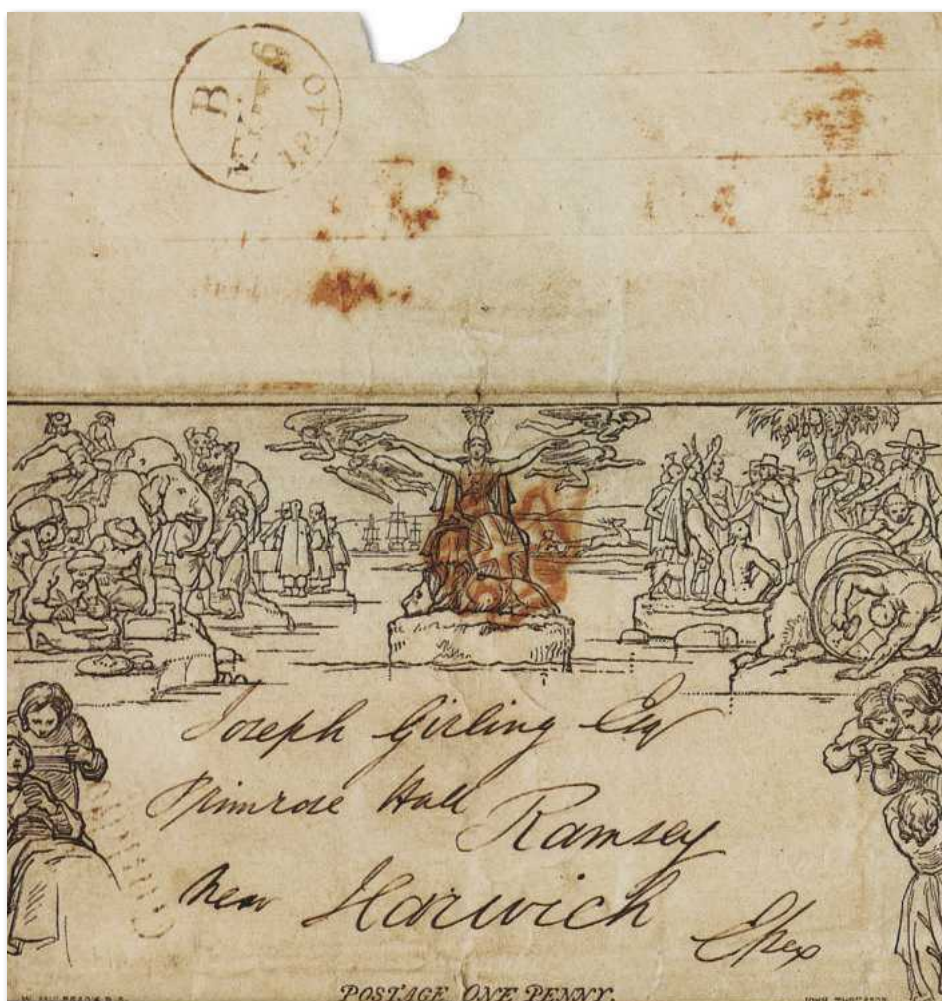
20 The design for the adhesive stamp was based on a portrait of Queen Victoria which had been sculpted by William Wyon for the City Medal (commemorating the Queen's visit to the City of London) in 1837. A sketch of it by Henry Corbould was used as the basis for a die engraved in reverse in soft steel by Frederick Heath. The engine-turned white-line background engraving was added by the printer, Perkins Bacon & Petch.

21 The stamps were arranged in sheets of 240, comprising 20 rows of 12 impressions, because this made for easy accounting given Britain's currency of pounds, shillings and pence. A row of 12 1d stamps added up to 1s in value, and a sheet of 240 stamps added up to exactly £1.

22 For extra security against forgery, Hill decided to add 'check' letters to the lower corners of each stamp. These were arranged in sequence so that the top row read 'AA' to 'AL', the next



ABOVE: The printer Jacob Perkins and one of the hand-operated presses on which his company, Perkins Bacon & Petch, printed the Penny Black. The apparatus is now on display at the British Library in London



ABOVE: First day usage of the unsuccessful Mulready 1d lettersheet on May 6, 1840



ABOVE: Mint block of 30 Penny Blacks, with corner letters FA-JF, also showing part of the marginal inscription

row 'BA' to 'BL' and so on, with the bottom row reading 'TA' to 'TL'. These letters were punched into the plate individually after the die had been transferred by roller 240 times.

23 Since postage stamps were a novelty both for post office clerks and the general public, it was deemed necessary to print instructions for their sale and use in the sheet margins on all four sides. The inscription read: 'Price 1d per label. 1/- per row of 12. £1 per sheet. Place the labels above the address and towards the right hand side of the letter. In wetting the back be careful not to remove the cement.'

24 The stamps were printed by Perkins Bacon using the intaglio (recess) process, on paper with a Small Crowns watermark supplied by Rush Mills in Northampton. Gum was supplied by John Rawsthorne of Manchester, and applied by the printer to the back of sheets after the printing was completed.

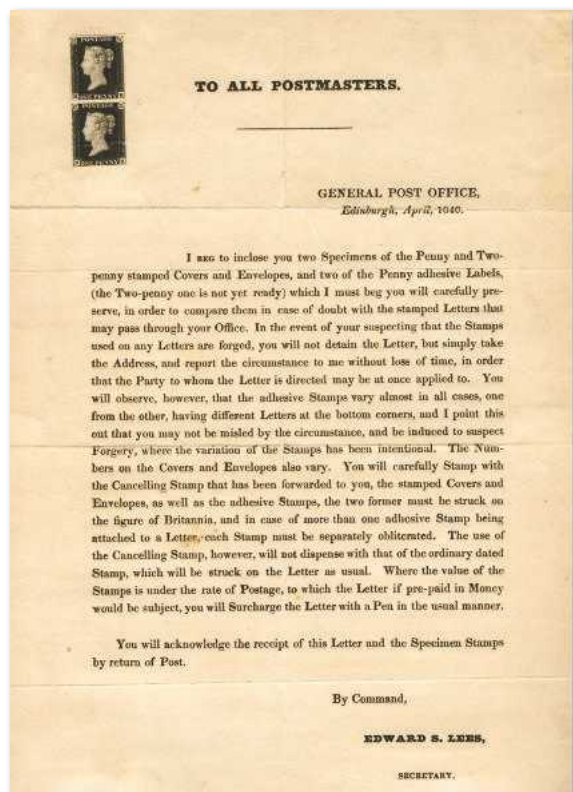
25 The plate for the Penny Black was ready on April 1, 1840, and a proof impression was taken from it that same day. This imprimatur, with no corner letters or selvage inscription, is the only surviving complete sheet of 240 Penny Blacks, and is held by the British Postal Museum & Archive.

26 Printing of the sheets for distribution to post offices began on 11 April at Perkins Bacon's works in Whitefriars Street, London. The stamp was put on sale on May 1, and became valid for postage on May 6.

27 Although the official date of issue was May 6, the earliest known usage of a Penny Black on cover was on May 2, in Bath. Most of the surviving first day covers were posted in London, because few regional distributors received their supplies of the stamp on time.

28 Production of the Twopenny Blue lagged a few days behind that of the Penny Black. Printing began on May 1, 1840, and the stamp was issued on May 8.





ABOVE: Post Office notice to postmasters in April 1840, informing them about the pending issue of 'stamped covers and envelopes' and 'adhesive labels'



ABOVE: Penny Black first day cover of May 6, 1840, posted within London, with a red Maltese cross cancellation and separate date stamp

29 There was a plan to print 1d and 2d official stamps with the letters 'VR' in the top corners, for use by government departments only. This was abandoned after several thousand sheets had been printed but before they were issued; a small number escaped into private hands.

30 In stark contrast to the postal stationery, the adhesive 'labels' proved extremely popular. At around the time of issue, some 600,000 Penny Blacks were being printed every day, and Perkins Bacon staff needed to work through the night to keep up with demand.

31 There was some public unease about whether the gum on the back of the stamps was safe to lick, and one newspaper even questioned whether it could give people cancer. In fact the gum was essentially dextrine, a starch ingested daily in food, so it was more likely to make you fat than kill you.

32 A total of 11 plates were used to print the Penny Black, although plate 1 was extensively repaired after suffering from excessive wear, so

specialist collectors distinguish between plate 1a (as originally used) and plate 1b (after restoration).

33 To prevent the fraudulent re-use of stamps, they were cancelled with an undated handstamp which was distributed to postmasters. This came to be known as the 'Maltese

Cross', and the name has stuck, although its design was actually closer to that of the Croix Patée, or the Tudor Rose.

34 Instructions to postmasters made it clear that the cancellation was to be used in combination with red ink, but they were left to mix the ink



RIGHT: Block of stamp impressions from the 1840 Rainbow Trials, demonstrating that it was suitably difficult to clean black cancellations off red-brown stamps without damaging them

themselves. In practice, various shades can be found, from red-brown to red-orange. Due to mistakes made with inkpads, Penny Blacks are also known cancelled in various other colours including blue, magenta, green and yellow.

35 After just a few weeks in use, the days of the Penny Black were already numbered. Reports of red cancelling ink being washed off black stamps too easily led to experiments with alternative colours getting underway before the end of May 1840. Carried out on blocks of 12 stamps with voided corners, these became known as the 'Rainbow Trials'.

36 Inconveniently, the most effective cancelling ink proved to be black, and this proved to be most difficult to remove from red-brown printing ink. In February 1841, therefore, the colour of the 1d stamp was changed to red-brown, and the colour of the cancellation to black. At the same time, a new shade of blue was formulated for the 2d stamp.

37 Despite its short lifespan, the Penny Black is not a rare stamp. More than 68 million were printed from April 1840 to January 1841. The survival rate has been estimated at 2%, which amounts to well over a million.

38 Despite its change of colour, Britain's 1d stamp would retain essentially the same design for almost 40 years, until 1879. Minor upgrades to the Penny Red included the introduction of perforations in 1854, a retouched die in 1855 and the printing of check letters in all four corners and plate numbers in the engine-turned frame pattern from 1864.

39 Mail volumes increased vastly as a result of the reduction in postage rates. The number of paid-for letters rose by more than 100% in the early months of 1840, although of course the Post Office was making less profit per item. In fact the organisation's revenue was seriously dented in the short term, but it would grow quickly over the following years as cheap postage boosted the economy and encouraged more of the population to write letters.

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40 After Melbourne's Whig government was replaced by a Conservative one under Sir Robert Peel, Hill was sacked from his position at the Treasury in July 1842. But he later returned to postal affairs, appointed Secretary to the Postmaster General from 1846-54 and Secretary to the Post Office from 1854-64. He was knighted in 1860. □

10 THINGS THAT MIGHT SURPRISE YOU

1 There was some discussion in January 1840 about whether the monarch should retain free franking rights when they were withdrawn from members of parliament and other officials. The Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne, persuaded Queen Victoria that it would be politically prudent to give up her privilege.

2 The first items of pre-paid postal stationery introduced under Rowland Hill's reforms were not the Mulready envelopes and lettersheets, but 1d envelopes for exclusive use by members of the House of Lords and House of Commons, issued on January 16, 1840.

3 The Wyon portrait of Queen Victoria, which was to be used on postage stamps until her death in 1901 at the age of 81, was based on a sketch drawn when she was only 15 years old.

4 Many of the Post Office notices regarding the introduction of the penny post and adhesive stamps in 1840 were undersigned by William Maberly, who was Secretary to the Post Office. Contrary to the impression this might give, Maberly was vehemently opposed to Rowland Hill's insistence on a low and uniform postage rate.

5 Britain's first postage stamps were sold not only by postmasters and receiving houses (post offices) but by a variety of other licensed retailers. Some of these sold the stamps at a premium.

6 Since Penny Blacks had 240 combinations of corner letters to a sheet, and can be traced from 12 different plates (counting 1a and 1b as different plates), there are 2,880 different impressions to collect.

7 One of the knock-on effects of postal reform was an increase in the use of covers. Before 1840, letters were typically simply folded and sealed, because

using an extra piece of paper would double the cost of postage. Now, using an envelope was possible without going over the first weight step.

8 The design of the 2d stamp diverged from that of the 1d after March 1841 simply to make it easier to distinguish between printings in the original blue ink and the new blue which was introduced at that time. Horizontal white lines were added to the frame below the inscription 'Postage' and above 'Two Pence', but the design of the 1d was not changed.

9 The latest printing of the Penny Black was as recently as 2000, when facsimiles were produced from the original plates (without corner letters) for a souvenir pack to coincide with the Stamp Show 2000 exhibition.

10 Rowland Hill was buried in Westminster Abbey after his death in 1879. There are public statues of him in London, Birmingham and his home town of Kidderminster.



ABOVE: Statue of Rowland Hill in Kidderminster



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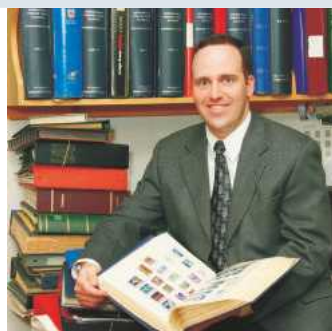
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Besides the fact that it was the first of its kind, what attracts us to the Penny Black? The different levels at which it can be collected add to the lure of this endlessly fascinating stamp



Whatever his of her specialism, practically every stamp collector in the world would like to own a Great Britain 1840 1d black, the mother of all postage stamps.

However there is much more to the lure of the Penny Black than the fact that it was the first of its kind. Its design, its complexity and its variety add considerably to its collectability.

Classic elegance

The design is simple and elegant, with the beautiful William Wyon portrait of Queen Victoria and the legends 'Postage' at top and 'One Penny' at the foot, complemented by an intricate engine-turned

ABOVE: Extraordinary 1840 cover franked with a block of 14 Penny Blacks cancelled with red Maltese crosses

background. The parallel with Britain's current definitive stamps, based on a plaster cast of Queen Elizabeth II by Arnold Machin, is obvious.

Equally important to specialists are the two letters added in the lower corners of the design as a form of protection against forgery. These exist in 240 equally rare (or equally common) combinations ranging from AA to TL.

Some collectors specialise in particular sheet positions, or look for stamps bearing their initials.

Built-in variety

Where these check letters are of greatest practical significance,

however, is in helping us to work out which plate any given stamp was printed from.

Whilst the 240 impressions in each plate were produced from a single mother die, which had blank lower corners, the letters were subsequently hand-punched onto the plate, so there are small differences in their positioning from plate to plate.

Plating the Penny Black is very important, because it has a huge effect on value. The most common plate is plate 6, which was used to print a little over 9,000,000 stamps; the rarest is plate 11, which printed only 168,000.

Whilst every collector wants at least one Penny Black in his albums, a

PLATING TIPS

GUMMED SIDE

The easiest way to identify the plate number of a Penny Black might well be to take a quick look at the back of the stamp, where there will often be a pencilled note written by a previous owner. It's not always accurate, but it's a good starting point.

CORNER LETTERS

Almost always, published reference works will help you plate a Penny Black by studying the positions of the corner letters. *The Plating of the Penny Black* by Charles Nissen and Bertram McGowen is invaluable; also useful and much cheaper is *Guide Lines to the Penny Black* by P C Litchfield.

FLAWS

Look out for the 'O' flaw, a white blob to the right of the 'O' of 'One Penny', which is a transfer roller flaw occurring only on stamps from plates 7, 8, 9 and 10. There are also a number of plate varieties which can help, such as double letters and guide lines.

SHADE

Stamps from plate 1a can be greyish-black in shade, because of the very rapid wear of the plate. Those from plate 11, the rarest plate, are often a different shade of grey-black, due to the ink used.

CANCELLATIONS

Both red and black Maltese cross cancellations can be found on stamps from all plates, but the black ones are more likely to exist on the later ones.

serious collector of Great Britain would like one from each plate. And a devotee will want examples of each of the 240 impressions from each of the 12 plates!

Note also that plates 1b, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were also used to print the



ABOVE: Penny Blacks cancelled with red, black, brown and blue Maltese crosses of varying clarity

Penny Black's successor, the Penny Red. This created an interesting extra collectable, in the shape of 'matched pairs': two stamps of the same denomination with the same corner letters from the same plate, but in different colours.

Variable quality

Penny Blacks vary hugely in value. You can pick up a used example with incomplete margins for less than £100. On the other hand, in 2011 Spink & Son sold a single stamp from plate 2, lettered TL, with marginal inscription and plate number, on cover, for nearly £300,000.

When assessing the value of a Penny Black there are many things that must be taken into consideration.

As with all stamps, condition is crucial. Thins, creases and small tears (even if not readily apparent) will reduce market value considerably, as of course will the

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remnants of hinges on otherwise mint examples.

Margins are also key. Since Penny Blacks had to be cut from the sheet by scissors, and the gap between the impressions was not large, the design is often cut into, and the more this affects the design itself, the more the value is reduced.

Of course, for every stamp that was cut into, there is another with an extra large margin. Where a pair once existed, with one stamp having good margins and the adjoining stamp being cut into, it is not unusual for the damaged stamp to have been sacrificed, leaving a fine single with an extra large margin.

Cancellations are more a matter of opinion, but there are preferences ▷



which command a premium. A crisp, rather than over-inked Maltese cross is more pleasing to the eye, and complete and upright examples are more sought after, but most valued is a postmark which leaves the profile of Queen Victoria clear.

Some collectors prefer red Maltese crosses (which is how the Penny Black was originally intended to be cancelled) to black ones, while others look for those in other colours, such as blue, magenta, yellow or violet. A few of the handstamps were damaged or lost and replaced, resulting in what are known as 'distinctive' Maltese crosses.

If you can find a favourable combination of all the points above, you have the ultimate consideration: aesthetic appeal. Perhaps the fundamental lure of the Penny Black is the unending search for one in finer condition, with larger margins and a crisper cancellation than the one you already own. □

ABOVE: Part of Charles Nissen's plating study of the Penny Black, showing stamps with the corner letters SL from plates 1a, 1b, 2, 3 (top row), 4, 5, 6, 7 (middle row), 8, 9, 10 and 11 (bottom row)



ABOVE: Matched pair of the Penny Black and Penny Red from plate 10, with corner letters E.J, showing the 'O' flaw affecting the denomination at the bottom

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The small island of Nevis set tongues wagging with its debut issue in 1862. The allegorical design was individualistic, and yet the frames looked strangely familiar

□ Report by John Winchester

The West Indian island of Nevis was first populated by English colonists in 1628, and after a period in French hands it was restored Britain in 1783. British stamps were used from 1858, but when a new colonial administrator, Anthony Musgrave, arrived on the island in 1860 he wanted the island to issue its own.

This was remarkably pushy for such an insignificant colony, at a time when larger and more important islands in the Leeward group, such as Antigua and St Christopher, had not yet issued their own stamps.

Equally unorthodox was the choice of printer. Perkins Bacon, which was in the throes of producing masterpieces for St Vincent and Grenada, was overlooked in favour of the little-known London stationers and book-printers Nissen & Parker.

It was suggested that a suitable centrepiece for the four required denominations might be the seal of the colony, created in around 1830, which illustrated one of the thermal volcanic springs which course from the hillsides near Charlestown.

Beside the spring, an invalid woman is supported by her companion, while a third female, possibly intended to represent Hygieia, the ancient Greek and Roman goddess of health and cleanliness, stands ready with a bowl and a pitcher of curative mineral water.

This 'Mineral Springs' design



ABOVE: Nevis 1862 1d dull lake, recess-printed with the Mineral Springs design in a frame reminiscent of the Penny Black

RIGHT: 1s deep green, from the 1876-78 lithographed printings



'The design was unusual in being dominated by women other than Queen Victoria, and can be regarded as the first stamp with a medical theme'

certainly gave the stamps of Nevis a very distinctive look. It was unusual in being dominated by women other than Queen Victoria, and can be regarded as the first stamp design with a medical theme.

But what Nissen & Parker did next rather outstepped the boundaries of philatelic protocol. Each of the four denominations was given a different frame, and the printers shamelessly plagiarised the stamps of Great Britain.

The frame of the 1d had a star in each corner, engine-turned loops to each side and a very familiar look to the cut of 'One Penny' across the bottom, much like the original Penny Black and the early Penny Red. Furthermore, the frames of the 4d, 6d and 1s bore more than a passing resemblance to the mother country's 1855 and 1856 equivalents.

Each design was separately engraved onto plates of 12 (arranged in four rows of three), creating 12 types of each value. Then the 1d dull lake, 4d rose, 6d grey-lilac and 1s green were recess-printed on unwatermarked, greyish paper, perforated 13, and issued on July 19, 1862.

All four denominations from these early printings can also be found on blue paper, thought to have been created by an unintended reaction between paper and gum.

The 'Mineral Springs' design served the colony for 17 years, until 1879, including two distinct later issues. From 1866, all values apart from the 6d were recess printed on white paper, perforated 15, and in 1876 transfers were made from the original plates and all four denominations were reissued in lithographic form.

Paper, watermark and perforation varieties, retouches and bisects added extra intrigue to the series, and it became a collecting interest of many distinguished philatelists of the classic era, including Sir Edward Bacon and Fred Melville. □

MARKET VALUES

The four stamps of 1862 are catalogued at between £100 and £350 mint and between £50 and £100 used on greyish paper. Examples on blue paper are more expensive, while the rarest variety is the 1876 1s on vertically laid paper, at over £20,000. Beware that the popularity of the issue begat many forgeries.

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Baptism of fire



The Gallipoli campaign, which began 100 years ago, brought death to 100,000 people but gave birth to a national identity for three countries

□ Report by Alastair Gunn



From the British point of view, the key battles of World War I were those on the Western Front, especially the Somme. For the people of Australia, New Zealand and Turkey, however, the name etched into their national consciousness is Gallipoli.

For all three countries, the Gallipoli campaign of 1915-16 was central to the emergence of a national identity.

The Australian colonies had been unified as a single country as recently as 1901, and New Zealand had always been isolated from great world events by distance, so this was the first great battle fought by soldiers from either country.

Turkey had yet to emerge as a modern state, but it was the Ottoman Empire's front-line commander at

ABOVE: Troops of the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps charging a Turkish trench during the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign of April 1915 to January 1916

Gallipoli, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who would use his military reputation as a springboard to become the father of the nation.

The British Empire's forces, combined into the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps, fought bravely, suffered heavy losses and were defeated, but engendered the legendary ANZAC spirit, which evokes courage, endurance, discipline, initiative and comradeship.

The Turks won their greatest victory of an otherwise disastrous war, preventing their capital of Constantinople (Istanbul) and their heartland of Anatolia from invasion even though their once-great empire was crumbling around them.

Forces from other countries also took part — in fact the British and

French casualties were far higher than ANZAC casualties — but the campaign is not part of their national psyche.

Killing fields

Australians and New Zealanders know the campaign as Gallipoli, after the town and peninsula of Gelibolu, on the northern shore of the Dardanelles strait, west of Constantinople. Turks name it after Çanakkale, the sea port on the southern shore.

It was Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, who came up with the idea of the attack. In essence the aim was simple: to exploit British naval power by landing extraordinary numbers of soldiers on the peninsula, to advance from there to capture

TURKEY



ABOVE: Turkey 1917 2pa, showing artillery at Sedd el Bahr, and 50pa and 1pi, with different maps of Gallipoli and a portrait of Sultan Mohamed V

ABOVE: Among Turkey's many stamps honouring Kemal Atatürk are a 1931-44 6k showing him as President, and a 1939 12½k showing him in military uniform



ABOVE: First day cover for the 1965 set marking the 50th anniversary of Turkey's great victory

Constantinople, and thereby establish control over the sea route to Russia, the principal ally of Britain and France.

After the bombardment of Turkish defensive batteries and minesweeping operations in the strait during February and March, amphibious landings commenced at dawn on April 25, 1915.

The Turks and their German military advisors were expecting an assault and were well-prepared. Although unable to prevent the

landings, they were able to inflict huge casualties on the attacking troops, not least at Gaba Tepe, which the allies dubbed Anzac Cove.

The beachheads which were established were precarious ones, with the Turks holding the higher ground and the allied forces pinned on the lower slopes and unable to exploit the landings.

As in other theatres of the war, trench warfare followed, punctuated by offensives which were frequently deadly but largely unsuccessful. As



ABOVE: New Zealand 1936 1d + 1d charity stamp marking the 21st anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, depicting an ANZAC soldier at Anzac Cove

an example, the Battle of Lone Pine in August saw 2,273 Australians and at least 4,000 Turks killed while fighting over an area the size of two football pitches.

The campaign lasted for eight months but became hopeless, especially when winter came, with gales and blizzards causing flooded trenches and frostbite. The evacuation of 35,000 men began in December and was completed on January 8, 1916.

Winners and losers

The abject failure of the Gallipoli campaign saw Churchill demoted from First Lord of the Admiralty, starting a long downward trajectory in his political career. It is reasonable to argue that the total of 113,000 deaths shared between both sides can be laid at his door.

Conversely, Gallipoli was the making of Atatürk, who began to forge his reputation as the only Turkish who never suffered a defeat in World War I. In peacetime he became a leader of the War of Independence, and by 1923 he was the first President of the new republic of Turkey.

For the nations of Australia and New Zealand, the campaign had ▶

been a 'baptism of fire', their first military action which had resulted in large-scale casualties. April 25 became a date of huge significance for them, officially named Anzac Day and made a public holiday in both countries (as well as in the Cook Islands, Niue, Papua New Guinea, the Pitcairn Islands, Samoa and Tonga).

It is on Anzac Day, rather than on Remembrance Day, that their war dead are remembered, with dawn vigils, memorial services and military parades.

Turkey's commemoratives

Unsurprisingly, perhaps, it was Turkey which issued the first stamps commemorating the Gallipoli campaign.

The 2pa stamp in the Ottoman Empire's 1917 series illustrated a howitzer at Sedd el Bahr, a defensive bastion on the southern tip of the peninsula. The 50pa and 1pi values showed different maps of the region, the latter also portraying Sultan Mohamed V.

'The campaign gave birth to the legendary ANZAC spirit, which evokes courage, endurance, discipline, initiative and comradeship'

This would be the last stamp design to show a reigning Sultan, but many stamps over the following decades would depict President Atatürk, starting in 1924.

A set of four celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Çanakkale in 1955, showing a relief map, Atatürk, a gunner and a minelaying ship.

A set of three with charity surcharges marked the 40th anniversary in 1965, two showing monuments and one a map and wreath.

Australia's commemoratives

The first commemorative stamps for Anzac Day were issued by Australia in March 1935. A 2d value paying the basic letter rate and a 1s for telegrams and parcels illustrated the Cenotaph in London surrounded by a wreath.

Australia's 50th anniversary set in 1965 depicted a poignant element of the Gallipoli legend, the story of 'Simpson and his donkey'. John

AUSTRALIA



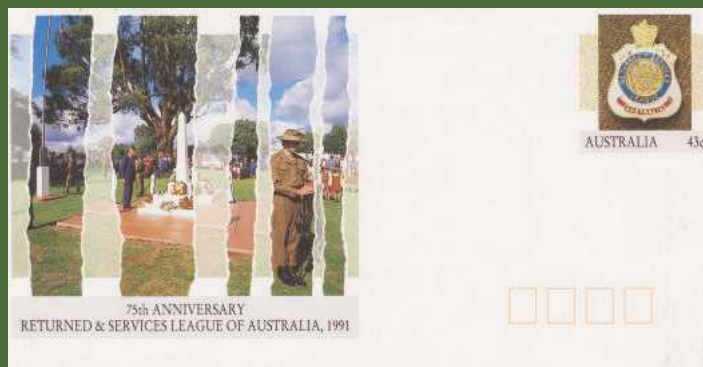
ABOVE: Australia 1935 Anzac Day 1s, showing the Cenotaph in London surrounded by a wreath



ABOVE: The 1965 8d design illustrating the legend of Simpson & His Donkey



ABOVE: First day cover of a 1990 set of five celebrating The Anzac Tradition



ABOVE: 1991 pre-stamped envelope marking the 75th anniversary of the Australian Returned & Services League, which supports servicemen and women, illustrating an Anzac Day dawn service



ABOVE: Coin cover for the 2000 Last Anzacs set, honouring the final Australian survivors of Gallipoli

NEW ZEALAND



ABOVE: New Zealand's 1965 pair showing Anzac Cove



ABOVE: One of a set of six ANZAC stamps issued in 2008, reproducing a photograph taken during the Gallipoli landings

RIGHT: 2011 Victoria Cross 60c honouring Cyril Bassett, who won his medal at Gallipoli



ABOVE: One of New Zealand's pair in the 1998 Memorial Statues joint issue with Turkey, showing the statue in Çanakkale of a Turkish soldier carrying a wounded ANZAC soldier



Simpson Kirkpatrick served as a stretcher-bearer, and he and his donkey, Murphy, carried wounded soldiers from the front line to the beach for evacuation during the early stages of the campaign, frequently under enemy fire. He was killed in May 1915, at the age of 22.

Australia has issued further Anzac Day stamps in 1990, 1991 and 2008. Furthermore, the 2000 set in the Australian Legends series honoured the last three surviving Australians who had fought at Gallipoli (Walter Parker, Roy Longmore and Alec Campbell), and illustrated the British Empire's 1914-15 Star campaign medal.

NZ commemoratives

New Zealand was a year behind Australia in marking Anzac Day with stamps. The first set, issued around the 21st anniversary in April 1936, comprised two charity stamps with the same design, showing a soldier

ready for battle at Gallipoli.

The 1965 50th anniversary set of two both showed a peaceful-looking Anzac Cove, the higher value with a red poppy superimposed.

The first set in the annual ANZAC series of 2008-10 included an image of soldiers wading ashore during the Gallipoli landings, and the 2011 Victoria Cross issue included a stamp for Corporal Cyril Bassett, who won his medal for laying crucial telephone lines under continuous gunfire at Gallipoli.

Modern memorials

Thankfully times have changed, and wounds have healed between nations from opposite sides of the world which, under normal circumstances, should have no reason to go to war with each other.

A statue at a military graveyard at Çanakkale portrays a Turkish soldier carrying a wounded ANZAC soldier to a first-aid post, and it was shown

ROUND THE WORLD



ABOVE: An image of Simpson and his donkey was used for a 50th anniversary omnibus issue by Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Nauru, Norfolk Island and Papua & New Guinea in 1965. This mixed first day cover is a philatelic creation



ABOVE: 1985 British Forces Postal Service cover commemorating the award of the Victoria Cross to Lance-Corporal W R Parker of the Royal Marines Light Infantry for gallantry at Anzac Cove in May 1915

on stamps from New Zealand and Turkey in a 1998 joint issue.

The memorial at Anzac Cove has a marvellous multicultural message undersigned by Atatürk, which reads: 'Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives...you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours...'

'You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are at peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.' □

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Yesterday's Yemen

The doomed Mahra Sultanate of Qishn & Socotra definitely did issue stamps in the months before it was overrun by Yemeni paramilitaries in 1967. But how many?

□ Report by Adrian Keppel

The Mahra Sultanate of Qishn & Socotra, often known more simply as the Mahra State (as inscribed on its stamps), has a very short entry in the stamp catalogues, limited to just seven months in 1967.

In fact, the sultanate itself, comprising part of the southern shore of the Arabian peninsula around Qishn and an island in the Indian Ocean called Socotra, had a 400-year history; it was established in the 16th century by the Portuguese.

But its stamp-issuing period was confined to its death throes, as it emerged from a century as part of Britain's Aden Protectorate (1869-1963) and Protectorate of South Arabia (1963-67) to become part of the new state of South Yemen.

The sultanate's only definitive set was introduced in March 1967.

Designed and printed in lithography by Harrisons in Britain, it had a single design showing the green, white and red flag of the sultanate against the background of a desert coast in different colours. The bilingual inscriptions included both 'Mahra State' and 'South Arabia', and the 11 values ranged from 5f to 500f.



ABOVE: 25f from the Arab Artwork issue of later in 1967, not catalogued by Stanley Gibbons

ABOVE: 35f value in the 1967 Mahra Sultanate definitive series, inscribed 'Mahra State' and 'South Arabia'

sultanates of South Arabia, and at the cost of its important naval base in Aden, Britain pulled out of the region and recognised the independence of South Yemen on November 30, 1967.

The Mahra Sultanate was promptly abolished, and all stamps issued in the Protectorate of South Arabia were formally invalidated in November 1969.

South Yemen later united with North Yemen to form the Republic of Yemen, and that is where you will find Mahra today. Continuing turmoil in the region, however, has led to calls for independence for Mahra, so the philatelic story of the former sultanate might yet have a second chapter. □

'A succession of commemorative stamps rapidly followed the one definitive set, and there is no consensus on whether these should be considered authentic'

A succession of commemoratives followed, but there is no consensus on how these should be treated.

Many collectors believe that issues are authentic up to October 1, 1967, when the (Yemeni) National Liberation Front, a Marxist paramilitary organisation, assumed control over the area. That line of thought includes sets celebrating Scouting, John F Kennedy, the Mexico Olympics and Arab Artwork, which have a reputation as

'wallpaper' but in some cases have been found postally used.

Stanley Gibbons catalogues lists only the first three of these, and relegates them to appendix status.

After October, and through into 1968 there were a dozen or so further sets, but these were certainly bogus because they were produced after the sultanate had ceased to exist.

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High wire act

It wasn't only postal services which revolutionised communications in the mid-19th century. One of the special exhibits at London 2015 Europhilex comprises rare proofs and stamps from the world's first commercial telegraph operator

□ Exhibit by Chris Harman

One of the most remarkable technical achievements of the 19th century was the harnessing of electricity, and among its earliest practical applications was improved communication.

Roughly contemporaneous with the postal reform of the 1840s and 1850s was the development of the electric telegraph, and telegraph operators soon followed the lead of postal operators in adopting adhesive stamps as a proof of payment.

Chris Harman's exhibit of the early stamps of the Electric Telegraph Company, the world's first commercial operator, is exceptional in that it shows proof and issued material of which few examples survive outside the British Library (the Peter Langmead Collection) and the Royal Philatelic Collection.

Messages by cable

Ancient means of signalling such as shouting, trumpeting and drumming were limited by how far sound would

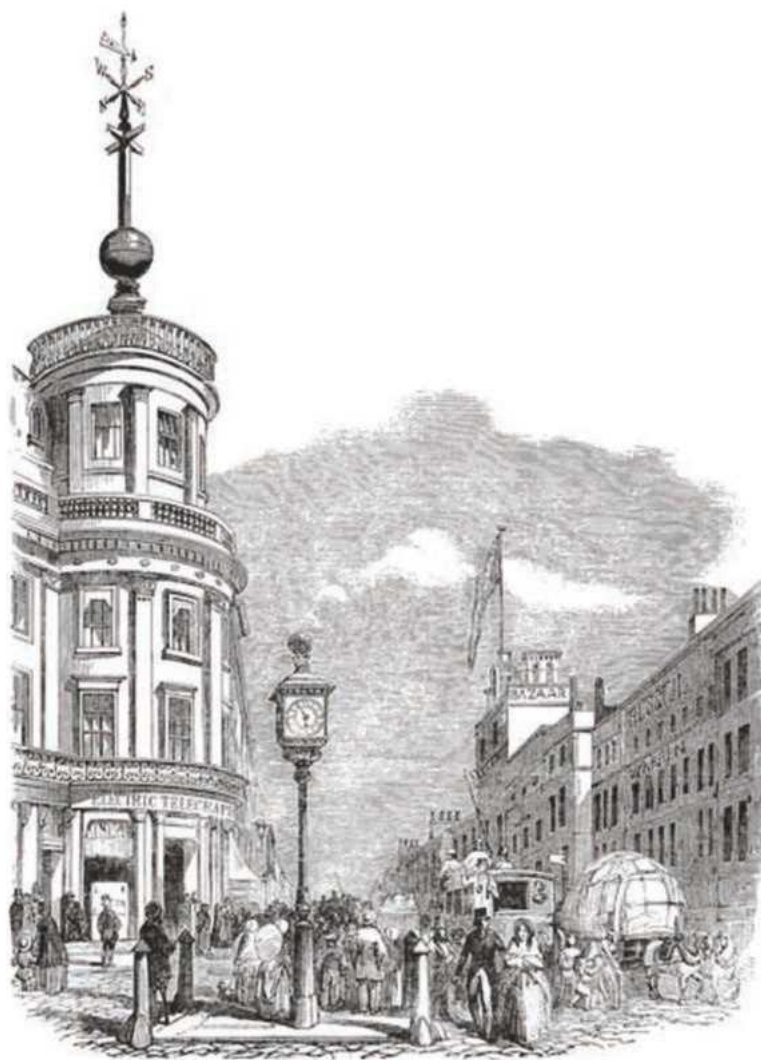
'Incorporated in 1846, the Electric Telegraph Company offered the British public a commercial telegraph service for the first time'

carry. For longer distances, visual signals such as flags, fires and shuttered lights were developed.

In the United Kingdom, the height of communication technology at the start of the 19th century was a 70-mile line of semaphore stations which had been established by 1796 from London to Sheerness on the Medway estuary and Deal on the English Channel coast. But this still relied on good visibility, which was not always available.

Developed in stages by a

RIGHT: The Electric Telegraph Company office at Charing Cross in London, around 1852



combination of inventors in the 1830s, the electric telegraph transmitted electrical signals via dedicated cables carried aloft on poles, to a receiver which could decode them and, from 1855 onwards, print them.

It was a major advance in sending simple messages rapidly, and potentially over long distances.

Shadowing the railways

It was the railways that established and used the first working system in

1838, when Isambard Kingdom Brunel arranged for William Cooke and Charles Wheatstone to install a telegraph line for the Great Western Railway between Paddington and West Drayton stations in west London, a distance of 13 miles.

This was opened up to the public, and its operator Thomas Home would send messages at a uniform charge of one shilling.

Since a continuous strip of land was required for the erection of a telegraph line, following railway



ABOVE: Plate proofs by Perkins Bacon for the Electric Telegraph Company's first stamp issue, printed on thick, soft card. One design is for messages transmitted under 50 miles (charged 1s), and the other is for those going over 100 miles (charged 5s)

routes remained the ideal solution, and the first commercial enterprise to exploit the growth of the railway network was the Electric Telegraph Company. Incorporated in 1846 by Cooke and his financial backer John Lewis Ricardo, it offered the British public an electric telegraph service on a commercial basis for the first time.

The company expanded rapidly, typically by signing 'wayleave' agreements which gave it exclusive access to railway routes. It had 1,500 miles of cable by 1848, and 15,000 miles by 1851, the year of the Great Exhibition. By 1855, most of Britain's major cities were connected by telegraph cable.

First stamps

In February 1854 the Electric Telegraph Company decided to introduce adhesive stamps as a method of pre-payment. Perkins, Bacon & Co was asked to submit design proposals, and the first plate was engraved on April 8, 1854.

The rectangular design featured the company logo at the top and a patterned frame but was otherwise dominated by text, including the smallprint absolving the operator of responsibility for errors and delays. At the top was a unique control number, and at the bottom there was space for the signature of the sender.

Printed in black in sheets of 16 on three different colours of unwatermarked paper, the stamps were issued imperforate.

For a message limited to 20 words, the fees were 1s for a distance of under 50 miles, 2s 6d for a distance

of between 50 and 100 miles, and 5s for a distance of over 100 miles. However, the stamps of this first issue were inscribed only with the word limit and the distance, rather than with a value.

Later issues

As early as June 21, 1854, the company had a change of heart and instructed Perkins Bacon to insert the value into the stamp design in words. The second issue, which appeared in stages starting on January 1, 1855, duly had indicated values of 3d, 1s, 1s 6d, 2s, 2s 6d, 3s and 4s, on various

ABOVE: Unused Electric & International Telegraph Company message form (code number 277W), bearing a 1s 6d stamp from the second issue



ABOVE: Issued stamps from the first issue of 1854, with control numbers. No9995 is for messages transmitted under 50 miles (charged 1s), No 9986 for those going under 100 miles (charged 2s 6d), and No9994 for those going over 100 miles (charged 5s)

colours of paper, still unwatermarked and imperforate.

All the stamps are scarce, since they were not generally made available to the public. The person sending the message would hand the form over the counter, and be asked to sign the stamp, but once the message had been sent both the form and the stamp were destroyed. ▷

GB ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY 1854-70

Rarest of all are the stamps perforated by Perkins Bacon, using the new perforating machine which it acquired in June 1860; issued from July 1860 with a variable perforation gauge, these were among the first stamps ever perforated by the company.

The two perforated stamps in Chris Harman's exhibit are believed to be the only surviving examples outside institutional collections.

Nationalised industry

The Electric Telegraph Company was renamed the Electric & International Telegraph Company after a merger in 1855. Its later stamp issues, from 1861, were printed by Waterlow & Sons to new designs.

Although it faced a growing number of competitors, the company remained by far the largest private telegraph operator in Britain, and the one with the most extensive network.

But on January 28, 1870, the inland operations of all the companies in the industry were nationalised, with responsibility for the whole network taken over by the Post Office. □



ABOVE: Proofs of the 3d value for the 1855 second issue, comprising two rejoined blocks of four printed on thick, soft card

RIGHT: Two of the issued stamps from the 1855 series, with control numbers and indicated values of 1s and 1s 6d



'Initially the stamps were inscribed only with the word limit and the distance the message was to be sent. But the second issue replaced these with a value'



ABOVE: Two stamps from the third issue of 1860, with control numbers and values of 3d and 4s, clean-cut line-perforated 14½-16

LONDON 2015

This feature is based on an exhibit by Chris Harman, which will form part of the Court of Honour at London 2015 Europhilex.

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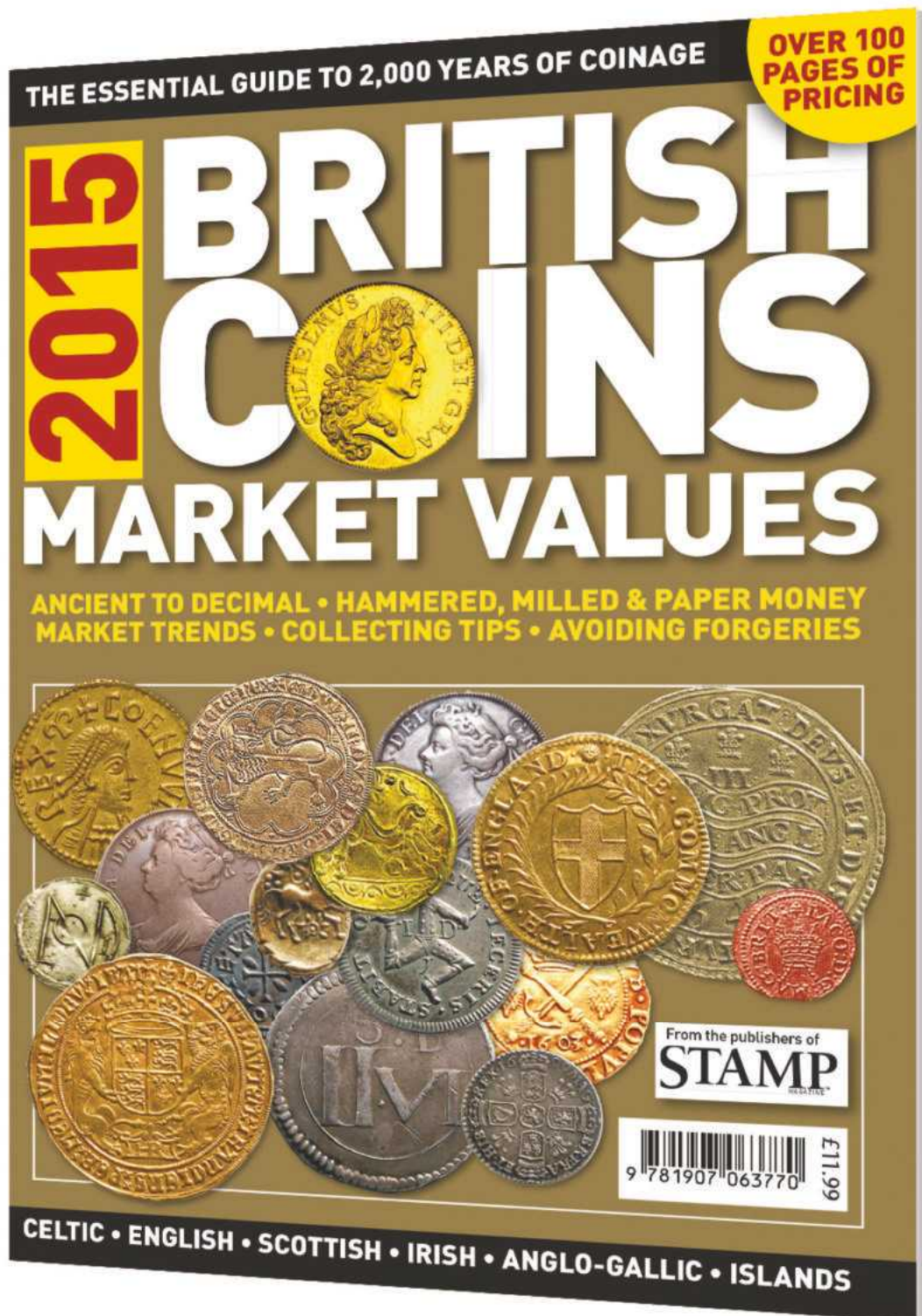
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April fool?

Produced by a pioneering stamp dealer as a practical joke, were the stamps inscribed for Neutral Moresnet in 1867 the world's first bogus issue?

A bogus stamp can be defined as one which purports to have been issued by an entity that exists and therefore might have produced it, but did not.

In the cinderella spectrum, it lies somewhere between a forgery, which is a privately made copy of a genuine stamp issue, and a fantasy stamp, which appears to have been issued by an entity that does not exist.

Bogus stamps have a long and interesting history. In fact, it is our contention that the first were issued as long ago as 1867.

The most important function of the earliest philatelic journals was identifying new stamp issues. In this respect, one of the most significant publications was *Le Timbre-Poste*, edited by Jean-Baptiste Moens.

Moens, a Belgian who set up shop in Brussels, was hugely influential in his day. He is widely recognised as the world's first stamp dealer, and handled the distribution of the extremely rare 'Post Office' Mauritius stamps of 1847 after they were belatedly discovered in the 1860s. He also published one of the earliest stamp catalogues, as early as 1862, and became one of the original philatelic journalists when he launched *Le Timbre-Poste* in 1863.

Reporting new stamp issues was one of the strengths of the journal. In the days before philatelic promotion, it was not an easy task, but Moens established a large network of correspondents around the world to keep him informed.



ABOVE: 10c yellow brown, imperforate, and 10c emerald green, perforated, purporting to have been issued by Neutral Moresnet



'These bogus stamps looked quite credible and fooled many early philatelists. Ironically, they have even been forged'



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What infuriated him, however, was that his competitors had a nasty habit of copying this information and publishing it in their magazines, after he had done all the hard work. To prove they were plagiarising him, he decided to lay a trap.

In 1867 *Le Timbre-Poste* published information about a new issue of stamps from Neutral Moresnet.

This was a triangle of territory lying between Prussia and Belgium, with an area of only one square mile but with some economic significance because of its valuable zinc mine. Its existence as a political entity dated from a treaty originally concluded between Prussia and the Netherlands in 1816, and after Belgian independence in 1830 it was a condominium jointly administered by Brussels and Berlin.

A letter attributed to J S Neom, dated April 1, 1867, stated that Neutral Moresnet's first stamps were engraved by M M De Visch & Livra and printed in sheets of 100 or 120.

Eagle-eyed readers might have realised that the correspondent's

name spelt 'Moens' backwards, that 'visch' is Flemish for 'fish', and that 'Livra' is an anagram of 'Avril' (April). In Francophone countries, *poissons d'avril* (April fish) means April Fool's Day!

However, other journals copied and published the information, allowing Moens to point out the error of their ways!

The bogus stamps were not only reported but were actually printed, in black on seven different colours of paper: white, grey, rose, lilac, yellow brown, blue grey and emerald green. They can be found perforated or imperforate.

They looked quite credible, with a complex design combining the Arms of Belgium and of Prussia, surmounted by the Phrygian cap of liberty, with the inscription 'Commune Libre de Moresnet'.

Ironically, these bogus stamps have been forged, and we have examples in black on dark red. In 1968, in celebration of Moens' ruse, reproductions were produced in sheetlets of 25 (5x5). □

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Is this Pakistan overprint error a recorded variety?

Q This overprint from Pakistan shows a missing 'A' in the lower right stamp and a partially missing 'A' in the stamp above it. Is this a recorded variety?
M Dyble, Great Yarmouth

A This is a known variety of the stamp, and by no means the only one. In 1961 Pakistan introduced decimal currency, switching from annas and pies to paisas and rupees. As a provisional measure, six stamps from various existing issues were surcharged with new denominations. The 7p surcharge was on the 1a red from the 1954 set marking the 7th Anniversary of Independence.

The overprinting was divided between two printers, the Pakistan Security Printing Corporation and Times Press, and they produced multiple errors and varieties.

The 'missing A' and 'partially missing A' overprints always occur in the bottom right corner of the sheet. Another constant variety from elsewhere in the sheet has 'Paisa' misspelled as 'Pasia', and many doubled and shifted overprints can be found too.



Did the Lockerbie trial leave any postal history?

Q Camp Zeist, a military base near Utrecht in the Netherlands, was officially Scottish territory from 1999-2002, as it played host to the trial of Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, the Libyan who was ultimately convicted of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing. A thousand Scottish police officers and court officials were stationed there.

I am interested in the camp's postal facilities. Were the officials given any special postal privileges? Was a special postmark in service? Were British or

Scottish (regional) stamps used there?
Cliff Jermyn-Francis, York

A We consulted several specialists in Dutch and Scottish postal history, but none had any knowledge of special mail arrangements for Camp Zeist.

However, there were several sacks of US military mail on Pan-Am flight 103, which were salvaged from the wreckage around Lockerbie and forwarded to the addressees, with labels attached. A handful of covers have come onto the philatelic market.

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Was the exporting of British stamps monitored in the 1940s?

Q This 1948 cover from Britain to the USA has a label certifying that it 'contains stamps not subject to Customs duty', a 'Passed by the British Philatelic Association' cachet and the manuscript consignment number '26327'.

Why did such a mailing needed to go via the BPA? Did any export of stamps have to be certified in this way, or did this procedure apply only to mail addressed to the United States?

Bob Wilcock, via e-mail

A During and directly after World War II, the British Government imposed a ban on the export of currency, and unused stamps were considered currency.

It was accepted that the export of mint stamps of Great Britain (and the Morocco Agencies) were necessary for the overseas philatelic market, so this was permitted on the condition that the stamps were sent via the British Philatelic Association (now the Association of British Philatelic Societies) for inspection.

The BPA's role was to check the contents and endorse that the



stamps were indeed intended for collectors.

This rule applied equally to philatelic exports to all countries, although in practice the cachet is most often found on covers addressed to USA and Canada.

Were these 'Indian' stamps produced by Nazi Germany?

Q I have perforated and imperforate examples of these 'Azad Hind' stamps, which I believe are a Nazi-inspired issue, prepared for a planned invasion of British India. Can you give me more information about them?

M Dobson, Deneside



A They are bogus stamps produced by Germany in World War II, for propaganda purposes rather than in any genuine expectation of being postally used.

The Azad Hind (Free India) movement, which was led by Subhas Chandra Bose and aimed to undermine British control of India, was supported both by Germany and Japan.

The set of 10 stamps was produced in 1943, when Bose was in Berlin. They are listed in the Michel catalogue of Germany, perforated and imperforate, and are relatively common; the only

entries with a high catalogue price are the 1r and 2r values printed in the wrong colours.

That same year Bose moved to Singapore, where the occupying Japanese recognised him as the leader of the Provisional Government of Free India. His Indian National Army joined in the Japanese attempt to invade India through Burma, but that prospect receded after the Battle of Imphal in 1944.

Bose died following a plane crash in Japanese-occupied Taiwan in August 1945, shortly before Japan's surrender.

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Your answer to Robert Major (April issue, page 104) was unable to explain why his Machin definitive used in 1980 with the perforated initials of London-based Addressograph-Multigraph Ltd had a Hemel Hempstead postmark.

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www.nordia2015.se

NOVEMBER 12-15 GREECE

Notos 2015 Multinational Exhibition

Venue: Peristeri Exhibition Centre, Dodekanisou 106, 12135 Peristeri, Athens.
Contact: Hellenic Philatelic Society
notos2015@hps.gr
www.hps.gr/notos2015

NOVEMBER 20-23 HONG KONG

Asian International Stamp Exhibition

Venue: Hall 5G, Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Wanchai, Hong Kong.
Contact: Hong Kong Philatelic Society, GPO Box 446, Hong Kong
hkpsociety@yahoo.com
www.hongkong2015stampexpo.com

DECEMBER 3-5 MONACO

Monacophil 2013

Venue: Musée des Timbres et des Monnaies, 11 Terrasses de Fontvieille, 98000 Monaco.
Contact: Patrick Maselis, General Commissioner
Tel: +32 474 84 84 39
patrick@maselis.be
www.monacophil.eu



ABOVE: Combine a trip to Sydney Stamp Expo 2015 in Hurstville with a visit to the unmistakable Sydney Opera House

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UK & WORLDWIDE AUCTION DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 8

AJH STAMPS

Venue: The Dunkenhall Hotel & Spa, Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire BB5 5JP.
Contact: The Laurels, Manchester Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 2PF
Tel: 01254 393740
sales@ajhstamps.co.uk
www.ajhstamps.co.uk

APRIL 8

WARWICK & WARWICK

Venue: Greville Suite, Lord Leycester Hotel, Jury Street, Warwick, CV34 4EJ.
Contact: Chalon House, Scar Bank, Millers Road, Warwick, CV34 5DB
Tel: 01926 499031
info@warwickandwarwick.com
www.warwickandwarwick.com

APRIL 11

BIL & CO

Venue: Washingborough Community Centre, Fen Road, Washingborough, Lincolnshire LN4 1AB.
Contact: Bill Tilbury
Tel: 01400 230769
billtilbury@btinternet.com
www.bilandco.co.uk

APRIL 12

PROVINCIAL PHILATELICS

Venue: 90 Park Road, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8DR.
Contact: Provincial Philatelics
Tel/Fax: 01235 511083
www.provincialphilatelics.co.uk

APRIL 15

BSA AUCTIONS

Venue: Units 1 & 2 Cantilupe Court, Cantilupe Road, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 7AN.
Contact: BSA Auctions
Tel: 01989 769529
www.birmauctions.co.uk

APRIL 16

SPINK

Venue: Neville Polakow Collection of Northern Rhodesia
Venue: 69 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4ET.
Contact: David Parsons
Tel: 020 7563 4072
dparsons@spink.com
www.spink.com

APRIL 18

SOMERSET STAMP AUCTIONS

Venue: Hill Farm, Hemyock, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3UZ.
Contact: Somerset Stamp Auctions
Tel/Fax: 01823 681358
www.somersetstampauctions.com

APRIL 20

MOSSGREEN

Venue: Martyn Cook Galleries, 98 Barcom Avenue, Rushcutters Bay, New South Wales 2011, Australia.

Contact:

Gary Watson
Tel: +61 3 9508 8888
gary.watson@mossgreen.com.au
www.mossgreen.com.au

APRIL 21

GROSVENOR

Venue: Dr Conrad Graham Collection of Cinderellas, Telegraphs & Revenues
Venue: 399-401 Strand, London WC2R 0LT.
Contact: Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions
Tel: 020 7379 8789
info@grosvenor-auctions.co.uk
www.grosvenorauctions.com

APRIL 22

GROSVENOR

Specialised Great Britain

Venue: 399-401 Strand, London WC2R 0LT.
Contact: Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions
Tel: 020 7379 8789
info@grosvenor-auctions.co.uk
www.grosvenorauctions.com

APRIL 23

CORBITTS

Venue: Britannia Hotel, Newcastle Airport, Ponteland, Woolsington, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE13 8DJ.
Contact: Corbitts, 5 Mosley Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 1YE
Tel: 0191 232 7268
collectors@corbitts.com
www.corbitts.com

APRIL 26

ESSEX STAMP AUCTIONS

Venue: Marriott Hotel, Old Shire Lane, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 3LX.
Contact: Essex Stamp Auctions, Three Ashes Cottage, Lanham Green Road, Cressing, Braintree, Essex CM77 8DR
Tel: 01926 585357
rob@essexstampauctions.com
www.essexstampauctions.com

APRIL 26

TONY LESTER

Venue: Holiday Inn, London Road (A45), Coventry CV8 3DY.
Contact: Unit 2, The Sidings, Birdingbury Road, Marton, Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 9RX
Tel: 01926 634809
tonylester@btconnect.co.uk
www.tonylester.co.uk

APRIL 28

CHRISTOPH GÄRTNER

Venue: Steinbeisstrasse 6-8, 74321 Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany.
Contact: Philatelic Christoph Gärtner
Tel: +49 7142 789 400
info@auktionen-gaertner.de
www.auktionen-gaertner.de

MAY 6

WARWICK & WARWICK

Venue: Greville Suite, Lord Leycester

Hotel, Jury Street, Warwick CV34 4EJ.

Contact: Chalon House, Scar Bank, Millers Road, Warwick CV34 5DB
Tel: 01926 499031
info@warwickandwarwick.com
www.warwickandwarwick.com

MAY 7-8

SPINK

Venue: 69 Southampton Row, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 4ET.
Contact: Nick Startup
Tel: 020 7563 4073
nstartup@spink.com
www.spink.com

MAY 13

AJH STAMPS

Venue: The Dunkenhall Hotel & Spa, Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire BB5 5JP.
Contact: The Laurels, Manchester Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 2PF
Tel: 01254 393740
sales@ajhstamps.co.uk

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MAY 16

CORINPHILA & HEINRICH KÖHLER

Rarities Sale
Venue: Europhilex 2015, Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1.
Contact: Corinphila
Tel: +41 443 899 191
www.corinphila.ch
Contact: Heinrich Köhler
Tel: +49 611 39381
info@heinrich-koehler.de
www.heinrich-koehler.de

MAY 16

SPINK

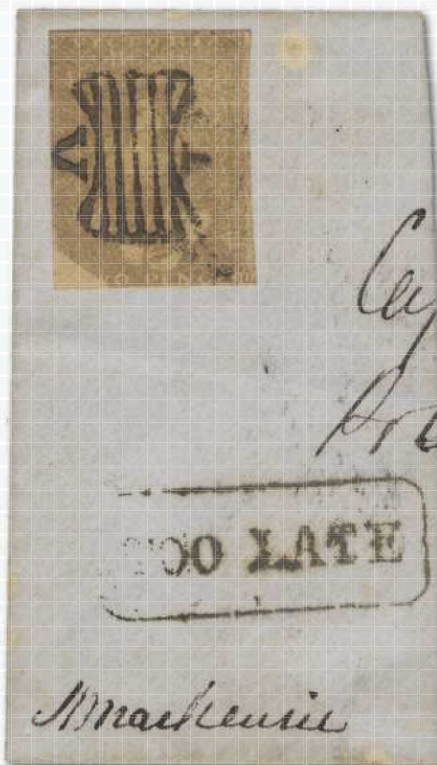
Venue: 4/F & 5/F, Hua Fu Commercial Building, 111 Queen's Road, West Sheung Wan, Hong Kong.
Contact: Tel: +852 3952 3000
china@spink.com
www.spink.com

LOT TO BE DESIRED

Corbitts' April auction will offer a very rare stamp of the Australian states, the 1851 Victoria 2d drab with void corner on piece.

From the 'third altered state of the dies' printings, made from 1851 onwards, the variety occurred on the printing stone, but only four examples have been recorded.

This item has a pre-sale estimate of £10,000 to £12,000.



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info@apexstamps.com
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COUNTY

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www.philatino.com

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REGENCY

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www.traffordbooks.co.uk

UK FAIR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 6

AYLESBURY

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Holiday Inn, Aston Clinton Road, HP22 5AA.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: Graham O'Hara
Tel: 07710 683122

LOUGHBOROUGH

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: Charnwood Bowls Club, Browns Lane, LE11 3HE.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: JRS Fairs
Tel: 01895 259350

APRIL 11

ADDLESTONE

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Community Centre, Garfield Road, KT15 2NJ.

Time: 10am-4.30pm

Contact: David Milton
Tel: 01895 637283

NORTON

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Norton Methodist Church Hall, High Street, TS20 2QQ.

Time: 9.30am-1.30pm

Contact: Northern Stamp & Postcard Fairs
Tel: 01904 701464

MAIDSTONE

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: Grove Green Community Centre, ME14 5BT.

Time: 10am-3pm

Contact: Brian Stonestreet
Tel: 01622 675784

MANCHESTER

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: Sale Grammar School, Marsland Road, Sale, M33 3NH.
Time: 10am

Contact: George Wewiora

Tel: 0161 427 2101

TELFORD

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Belmont Community Hall, off Tan Bank Car Park, Wellington, TF1 1LU.

Time: 10am-3pm

Contact: Bob Hemmings
Tel: 01694 720192

APRIL 12

WOKINGHAM

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: St Crispins Leisure Centre, London Road, RG40 1SR.

Time: 10am-3pm

Contact: Nigel Stow
Tel: 01923 674999

APRIL 18

EXETER

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: America Hall, De La Rue Way, Pinhoe, EX4 8PX.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: Michael Hale
Tel: 01749 677669

GREAT BARR

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: Collingwood Centre, Collingwood Drive, Pheasey, B43 7NF.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: Dave Burnett
Tel: 07765 792998

PRESTON

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: Barton Village Hall, Garstang Road (A6), PR3 5AA.

Time: 9.30am-4.00pm

Contact: John Roberts
Tel: 07943 174958

RUISLIP

(stamps, postcards, covers)

Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Road, HA4 7DU.

Time: 10am-4.30pm

Contact: David Milton
Tel: 01895 637283

SITTINGBOURNE

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Carmel Hall, Ufton Lane, off West Street, ME10 1JB.

Time: 10am-3.30pm

Contact: Chris Rapley
Tel: 07711 677760

THATCHAM

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Thatcham Memorial Hall, Bath Road (A4), RG18 3AG.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: Paula Cant
Tel: 01256 415699

APRIL 19

ALTRINCHAM

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Cresta Court Hotel, Church Street, WA14 4DP.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: R Cudworth
Tel: 01484 866777

KNOWLE

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: Village Hall, St John's Close, B93 0NH.

Time: 9.30am-3pm

Contact: Dave Burnett
Tel: 07765 792998

LUTON

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Ramada Encore, Airport Way, Luton Airport, LU2 9LF.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: Graham O'Hara
Tel: 07710 683122

WINCHESTER

(stamps, postal history)



Venue: Badgers Farm Community Centre, Badgers Farm Road, SO22 4OB.

Time: 10am-3.30pm

Contact: Chris Rapley
Tel: 07711 677760

APRIL 25

BECKENHAM (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Azelia Hall, Croydon Road, BR3 4DA.

Time: 9.30am-3.30pm

Contact: R&L Stamps
Tel: 020 8395 9285

EALING

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: Polygon Complex, Ealing Parish Church, St Mary's Road, W5 5EU.

Time: 9am-1pm

Contact: T Brittain
Tel: 07957 158299

FAREHAM

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: Holy Trinity Church, West Street, PO16 0EL.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: Solent Stamps
Tel: 01489 582673

KEYNSHAM

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: The Fear Institute, Keynsham High Street, BS31 1DG.

Time: 9.30am-4pm

Contact: Kevin Noble Fairs
Tel: 07599 001101

READING

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: St Barnabas Hall, Grove Road, Emmer Green, RG4 8LN.

Time: 10am-4.30pm

Contact: David Milton
Tel: 01895 637283

ROSS-ON-WYE

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Units 1 & 2 Cantilupe Court, Cantilupe Road, HR9 7AN.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: BSA Auctions
Tel: 01989 769529

APRIL 26

ASCOT

(stamps, postal history)

Venue: British Red Cross Centre, Heatherwood Hospital Entrance 3, Kings Ride, SL5 7RD.

Time: 9am-1pm

Contact: T Brittain
Tel: 07957 158299

HATFIELD

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Ramada Hatfield, St Albans Road West, AL10 9RH.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: Graham O'Hara
Tel: 07710 683122

SOUTHPORT

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Royal Clifton Hotel, The Promenade, PR8 1RB.

Time: 10am-4pm

Contact: R Cudworth
Tel: 01484 866777

WING

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Cottesloe School, Aylesbury Road, LU7 0NY.

Time: 10am-4.30pm

Contact: David Milton
Tel: 01895 637283

MAY 2

GUILDFORD

(stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Onslow Village Hall, Wilderness Road, GU2 7OR.

Time: 10am-3.30pm

Contact: Chris Rapley
Tel: 07711 677760





HUDDERSFIELD (stamps, postal history)

Venue: St Thomas Community Centre, Manchester Road, Longroyd Bridge, HD1 3HU.
Time: 9.30am-4pm
Contact: A Campbell
Tel: 01484 681559

LEICESTER (stamps, postal history)

Venue: The Holiday Inn, Derby Room, St Nicholas Circle, LE1 5LX.
Time: 9.30am-3.30pm
Contact: John Suschitzky
Tel: 0116 2350441

RAWRETH (stamps, postal history)

Venue: Parish Hall, Church Lane, SS11 8SH.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: Steve Search
Tel: 01702 323682

RUISLIP (stamps, postcards, covers)

Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Road, HA4 7DQ.
Time: 10am-4.30pm
Contact: David Milton
Tel: 01895 637283

STOURBRIDGE (stamps, postal history)

Venue: Platters Café, Victoria Street, DY8 1SP.
Time: 9.30am-2pm
Contact: Chris Proctor
Tel: 07813260752

SUTTON COLDFIELD (stamps, postal history)

Venue: The Trinity Centre, Church Hill, Mill Street, B72 1TF.
Time: 10am-3.30pm
Contact: JRS Fairs
Tel: 01785 269350

SWINDON (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Western Community Centre, Somerset Road, Roudbourne Cheney, SN2 1NF.
Time: 9.30am-3.30pm
Contact: V R Bullock
Tel: 07507 121990

WIGGINTON (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Wigginton Recreation Hall, YO32 2PJ.
Time: 9.30am-3pm
Contact: Northern Stamp & Postcard Fairs
Tel: 01904 701464

WIMBORNE (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Allendale Community Centre, Main Hall, Hanham Road, BH21 1AS.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: Brian Redpath
Tel: 01258 880878

MAY 3 **ALTRINCHAM** (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Cresta Court Hotel, Church Street, WA14 4DP.

Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: R Cudworth
Tel: 01484 866777

MILTON KEYNES (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Milton Keynes Novotel, Saxon Street, Leyburn Court, Heelands, MK13 7RA.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: Graham O'Hara
Tel: 07710 683122

WORTHING (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Heene Community Centre, 122 Heene Road, BN11 4PL.
Time: 10am-3.30pm
Contact: Chris Rapley
Tel: 07711 677760

MAY 6 **NEATH** (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Town Hall, SA11 3LL.
Time: 10am-3pm
Contact: Dragon Collectors' Fairs
Tel: 01522 857343

MAY 7 **CARDIFF** (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Methodist Church, Nottingham Street, CF5 1JP.
Time: 10am-3pm
Contact: Dragon Collectors' Fairs
Tel: 01522 857343

MAY 9 **COLWYN BAY** (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Eirias High School, Eirias Road, LL29 7SP.
Time: 9.30am-3pm
Contact: S J Chapman
Tel: 01745 826434

NORTON (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Norton Methodist Church Hall, High Street, TS20 2QQ.
Time: 9.30am-1.30pm
Contact: Northern Stamp & Postcard Fairs
Tel: 01904 701464

WORCESTER (stamps, postal history)

Venue: Tudor Grange Academy, Bilford Road, WR3 8HN.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: Tom George
Tel: 01299 824829

MAY 10 **WOKINGHAM** (stamps, postal history)

Venue: St Crispin's Leisure Centre, London Road, RG40 1SR.
Time: 10am-3pm
Contact: Nigel Stow
Tel: 01923 674999

MAY 13 **CHELTHENHAM** (stamps, postal history)

Venue: St Andrew's United Reform Church, Montpelier Street, GL50 1SP.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: Mark Grimsley
Tel: 0117 9623203

MAY 16 **BASINGSTOKE** (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: The Costello School, RG21 4AL.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: Paula Cant
Tel: 01256 415699

GLASTONBURY (stamps, postal history)

Venue: Town Hall, BA6 9EL.
Time: 10am-4.30pm
Contact: Brian Attwood
Tel: 01749 679226

GREAT BARR (stamps, postal history)

Venue: Collingwood Centre, Collingwood Drive, Pheasey, B43 7NF.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: Dave Burnett
Tel: 07765 792998

PRESTON (stamps, postal history)

Venue: Barton Village Hall, Garstang Road (A6), PR3 5AA.
Time: 9.30am-4.00pm
Contact: John Roberts
Tel: 07943 174958

SITTINGBOURNE (stamps, postal history)

Venue: Carmel Hall, Ufton Lane, off West Street, ME10 1JB.
Time: 10am-3.30pm
Contact: Chris Rapley
Tel: 07711 677760

MAY 17 **ALTRINCHAM** (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Cresta Court Hotel, Church Street, WA14 4DP.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: R Cudworth
Tel: 01484 866777

AMERSHAM (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Jubilee Scout Hall, Rectory Hill, HP7 0BT.
Time: 10am-4.30pm
Contact: David Milton
Tel: 01895 637283

BEXLEY (stamps, postal history, postcards)

Venue: Freemantle Hall, Bexley High Street, DA5 1AA.
Time: 9.30am-3pm
Contact: Lorne Webb
Tel: 01424 751518

YEOVIL (stamps, postal history)

Venue: Westlands Leisure Complex, Westbourne Close, BA20 2DD.
Time: 10am-4pm
Contact: Solent Stamps
Tel: 01489 582673



SELECTED UK PHILATELIC SOCIETY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 9 MAIDSTONE & MID-KENT PS

Heraldry by M Cox
Venue: St Paul's Church Hall,
Boxley Road, Maidstone
ME14 2AH.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Brian Stonestreet
Tel: 01622 675784

SHEFFIELD PS GB Returned Mail by Jeremy Piercy

Venue: Central United
Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk
Street, S1 2JB.
Time: 7.15-9.30pm
Contact: G M Spring
Tel: 0114 2685993

APRIL 13 TELFORD S&CC

Sudan by Andy Neal
Venue: Kettle Community
Centre, Holyhead Road,
Kettle, Telford TF1 5AN.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Bette Chambers
Tel: 01952 811398

APRIL 14 NORFOLK & NORWICH PS

**Russia After the USSR
by Ian Billings**
Venue: The Church Centre,
Chapelfield Road,
Methodist Church,
Norwich NR2 1SD.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Peter Boyce
Tel: 01692 407821

RINGWOOD PS Scottish Islands by Norman Hudson

Venue: Greyfriars Community
Centre, 44 Christchurch Road,
Ringwood BH24 1DW.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Gordon D Masson
Tel: 01425 470710

ROCHDALE PS The Channel Tunnel by Graham Chadwick

Venue: Unitarian Chapel,
Clover Street, OL12 6TP.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Neil Wharmby
Tel: 01706 665698

SOLIHULL PS Pembrokeshire Revisited by Gerald Marriner

Venue: Solihull Cricket &
Tennis Club, Marsh Lane,
Solihull B91 2PF.
Time: 8pm
Contact: Paul Woodness
Tel: 01564 776 879

WESTON-SUPER- MARE PS

**Malta by John Stuchbery
Tea by Bill Bredin**
Venue: Conservative Club,
24-26 Alexandra Parade,
BS23 1QX.
Time: 6.45pm
Contact: John Stuchbery
Tel: 01934 750421

YORK PS Ethiopia by D F Elliott

Venue: The Denham Room,

Priory Street Centre, Priory
Street, YO1 6ET.
Time: 7pm
Contact: Richard M Billinge
Tel: 01904 411455

**APRIL 15
POYNTON PS
Three Kings by Peter Kirk**
Venue: North Room, Poynton
Community Centre, 107 Park
Lane, SK12 1RB.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Ron Phelps
Tel: 01625 877643

**WAKEFIELD PS
Chinese Airmail**
Venue: Wakefield Sea Cadets
Headquarters, Thornes Wharf,
Thornes Lane, WF1 5QW.
Time: 7pm
Contact: Brian Hitchcock
Tel: 01924 271218

**APRIL 16
BURNLEY &
DISTRICT PS
Switzerland by N Wragg**
Venue: Central Methodist
Church, Hargreaves Street,
Burnley BB11 1DU.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: B W Evans
Tel: 01282 616156

**WOMBOURNE &
DISTRICT PS
St Helena by Brian Brandon**
Venue: Hand in Hand Men's
Institute, Church Road,
Wombourne, WV5 9EZ.
Time: 7.30pm

Contact: Jane Hill
Tel: 01902 893600

**APRIL 18
SOUTH AFRICAN CS
Cinderellas**
Venue: Calthorpe Arms,
252 Grays Inn Road, London
WC1X 8JR.
Time: 2pm
Contact: Christopher Oliver
Tel: 020 8940 9833

**APRIL 23
BRISTOL PS
International Organisations
in Switzerland by M Mantell**
Venue: Redland Park United
Reformed Church, Whiteladies
Road, BS6 6SA.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: John Roe
Tel: 01454 776975

**APRIL 28
BRADFORD &
DISTRICT PS
POW Mail of the Thai-Burma
Railway by Terry Pickering**
Venue: The Latvian Club,
5 Clifton Villas, Manningham
Lane, BD8 7BY.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Judith Holder
Tel: 01274 544 446

**APRIL 29
LYTHAM ST ANNES
PS
Iceland in World War II
by David Kindley**
Venue: The Drive Methodist
Church Hall, East Bank Road,

FY8 1ND.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Karen Evans
Tel: 01253 310622

**MAY 5
LEEDS PS
GB Postal History
by Edward Klempka**
Venue: Leeds College of
Music, 3 Quarry Hill, LS2 7PD.
Time: 7pm
Contact: John A Edwards
Tel: 01977 793566

**MAY 6
SPALDING &
DISTRICT SC
Zanzibar by Arthur Long**
Venue: The Constitutional
Club, Ladies Room, Broad
Street, Spalding PE11 1TB.
Time: 2pm
Contact: Michelle Burton
Tel: 01775 767464

**MAY 7
WEST LONDON PS
Tasmania by Dr Patrick Reid**
Venue: Church Hall, Woodlands
Avenue, Acton, W3 9BU.
Time: 7.45pm
Contact: Christopher E Oliver
Tel: 020 8940 9833

**MAY 9
NATIONAL PS
Falkland Islands
by Kim Stuckey**
Venue: The Welsh Centre,
157-163 Gray's Inn Road,
London WC1X 8UE.
Time: 2.45pm

Contact:
www.ukphilately.org.uk/nps

**MAY 11
TELFORD S&CC
India by Terry Hare-Walker**
Venue: Kettle Community
Centre, Holyhead Road, Kettle,
TF1 5AN.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Bette Chambers
Tel: 01952 811398

**MAY 12
BRADFORD &
DISTRICT PS
Aden by Stephen Holder**
Venue: The Latvian Club,
5 Clifton Villas, Manningham
Lane, BD8 7BY.
Time: 7.30pm
Contact: Judith Holder
Tel: 01274 544 446

**MAY 13
BEDFORD PS
King George V Silver Jubilee**
Venue: The Bunyan Meeting
Free Church, Mill Street,
Bedford MK40 3EU.
Time: 7pm
Contact: Julia Barnard
Tel: 01234 765092

**BRITISH SOCIETY
OF AUSTRALIAN
PHILATELY
Postage Dues by Alan Cross**
Venue: RPSL 41 Devonshire
Place, London W1G 6JY.
Time: 5.30pm
Contact: Dr P G E Reid
Tel: 01344 867311

LEEDS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

When a group of collectors gathered in Headingley to organise an exhibition to celebrate the golden jubilee of the postage stamp in May 1890, they also decided to found the Leeds Philatelic Society. There were 18 members, paying an annual subscription fee of 2s 6d.

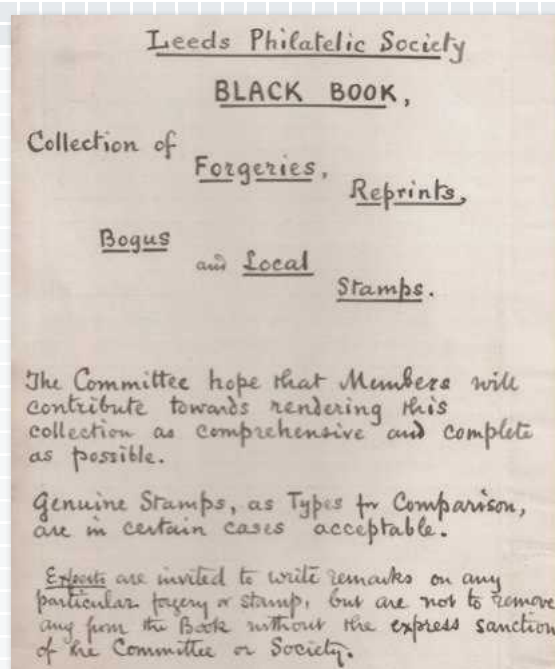
Soon a philatelic library was established, which now has around 4,000 items and is one of the best in the north of England.

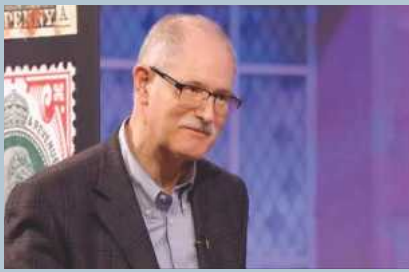
In 1892 the President, W Beckwith, presented his album of forgeries and bogus stamps to the society, and over the years other members have added considerably to this 'black book', including Rev R B Earee, the author of *Album Weeds*, who donated 633 forgeries in 1921. It has grown into a superb reference collection, spanning most of the stamp-issuing countries of the world.

The society has been hosting a two-day annual stamp fair at Pudsey since 1990, which is now established as one of the most popular in the region.

In its 125th anniversary year, it will host Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in August, and co-host the Yorkshire Philatelic Association's Annual Convention in June. It is also putting on a small exhibition at the Abbey House Museum in Leeds from May 1-June 30.

Regular meetings are now held at the Leeds College of Music. For details contact John Edwards. Tel: 01977 793566.





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SELLING YOUR STAMPS? (continued) Part 4

Summary Tip #21: 5 Different Ways to Sell your Stamps: Selling via Auction

Dear Collector,

In Part 3 of 'Selling your Stamps' we discussed the importance of selecting the right dealers/organisations to approach and ensuring the choice of those with transparent *modus operandi*.

Here in Part 4 of 'Selling your Stamps' we'll discuss the potential advantages and disadvantages of selling through auction on your own account.

Remember we previously discussed the importance of knowing the strength of your collection. This is never more important than when making the decision to consign your stamps to auction. We have touched upon this in previous 'Stamp Tips of the Trade'. The most important thing to remember – is 'who buys complete stamp collections at auction?'

Collectors want to buy stamps that are missing from their collections: Dealers want to buy complete collections to break out individual stamps/sets to supply to collectors. By breaking collections into individual parts dealers add value/profit. When you consign your

stamp to a dealer for £1011- by an auction who has put no money on the table and yet made a gross profit of £326= on the transaction. The dealer that paid £1,011.50 expects to make a profit. It follows that if you can approach the right dealers in the right way – then you can expect to eliminate much of the money that you pay for that auction to offer your stamps to dealers. Please refer to 'Selling your Stamps?' Part 2 for suggestions as to how this may be achieved for more valuable collections.

The 'funniest' thing of all was that the auction does not even pack your purchases we had to pay another £35 for a company to collect the stamps, package them and deliver them to us by parcel delivery!

The point is that unless your collection includes valuable stamps/sets that the auctioneer agrees to extract and offer individually ... you are paying an enormous percentage of the value of your stamps for that auction to sell to dealers.

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collection as one lot to auction – 9 times out of 10 it is a dealer that will be buying it. Unless you are a collector that purchases collections, extract the stamps you need, and sell on the rest – you will be looking to buy specific stamps, sets or small 'runs'.

So what is wrong with consigning stamps to auction? Nothing, if it is the right kind of stamps. For example – you need to 'quiz' the auctioneer selected as to what he/she is actually going to do with your stamps. Let's give you an example. A few weeks ago we purchased a 'Birds' thematic collection from public auction. We paid the auctioneer exactly £1011.50= ... but the actual price the stamps were 'knocked down' to us was exactly £800=. The buyer's premium was 26.4375% - and that was before the increase in VAT. If we purchased the same collection today – the buyer's premium would be 27% !

And did the collector realise £800=? NO. Even if the collector was charged just 12% + VAT selling commission – at today's rate the collector would receive £685=. Imagine, this collection has been

BUT, if your collection is one basically comprised of rarities – then an argument can be made for offering your collection individually lotted. In this way you are going to reach collectors + if yours is a 'named' collection often there is a 'kudos' value/premium that stamps with provenance achieve.

However – so large are the major auctions selling and buyer's premiums today – that even with collections of rarities – leading dealers can often offer to pay in excess of a fair auction estimate immediately – without risk, uncertainty of unsold lots, and immediately. The simple answer is get the auction to underwrite the minimum NET amount that they will guarantee you receive ... and then see by how much the 'trade' will improve upon this. Then you make a fully informed decision.

In Part 5 of 'Selling your Stamps?' we'll discuss the merits and obstacles of selling your stamps on-line via eBay and other on-line auctions.

Happy collecting from us all,

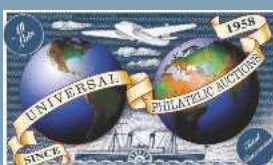
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PS. If you find this 'tip' interesting please forward it to a philatelic friend.

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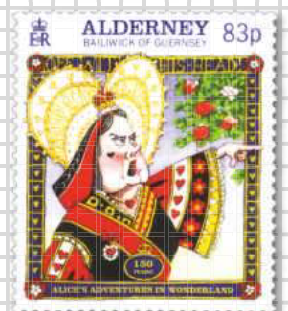
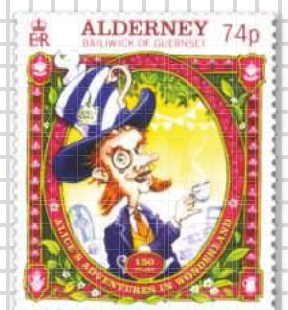
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Sailing Vessels



004 ALDERNEY
Alice in Wonderland



010 ASCENSION
Green Turtle

YOUR IN-DEPTH GUIDE TO THE LATEST RELEASES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This directory lists Great Britain first, followed by other countries in alphabetical order. It is limited to countries in which stamp issues are sold in post offices and for which reliable information is available. We aim to keep our listing as up-to-date as possible, but in attempting to provide more comprehensive detail than other guides we do not necessarily list every country each month. The three-digit number which appears before the date of each issue is for cross-referencing with the Thematic Checklist at the end of this section.

ÅLAND

(last listed in Jan 2015)

001 Nov 21, 2014

My Stamps. Exhibitions. Bell-Towers With Clocks

Designs: artwork depicting a local bell-tower for each philatelic exhibition attended by Åland Post in 2014.

Printing: digital. Non-denominated, inscribed 'Åland Varlden' in basal panel.

Non-denominated labels: sheetlets of 8.

- Briefmarkenbörse, Munich, Germany: tower façade with clock
- Stamps in Svedala, Sweden: clock face
- Frim Dag, Stockholm, Sweden: bells in tower
- Åboex, Åbo/Turku, Finland: clock
- Briefmarkenmesse, Essen, Germany: blue and yellow clock
- Seoul, South Korea: organ pipes
- Baltex 2014, Malmö, Sweden: sculpted mythological characters
- Sydfremex, Eskilstuna, Denmark: brick facade
- Briefmarkenbörse, Sindelfingen, Germany: bell-tower with clock
- Postimerkkimessut, Helsinki, Finland: dome of Lutheran Cathedral
- Nordia 2014, Lillestrøm, Norway: clock on wall
- Salon d'Automne, Paris, France: arches
- Veronafil, Verona, Italy: clock on tower
- Shanghai 2014, China: clock on building

Maximum cards: set of 14.

Note: individual designs were sold at the shows throughout the year. Collected set of 14 was released on Nov 21

002 Feb 2, 2015

Beach Finds, first issue

Design: Tiina Tahvanainen.

Printing: litho, Lowe-Martin (base label), with value added by machine in format '€01,20'. Imperf.

Gummed Frama vending machine labels:

† bird-feather and shells on beach

Note: a set comprising values of €0.80, €0.95, €1.20 and €1.30 was sold philatelically

003 Feb 2, 2015

Sailing Vessels of the Åland Fleet

Design: Allan Palmer (paintings).

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheet stamp:

0.85€ barquentine Lemland

Sheet stamp:

Varlden (1.20€) schooner Leo, with lighthouse on headland in background

Maximum cards (pair): paintings of ships, as stamp designs, with obverse carrying postage paid indicium (bows of the respective ships)

ALDERNEY

(last listed in Jan 2015)

004 Feb 22, 2015

150th anniversary of the Publication of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Design: Keith Robinson.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

- 41p Alice with flamingo
- 54p White Rabbit running
- 55p Caterpillar with hubbly-bubbly
- 66p Cheshire Cat, grinning
- 74p Hatter, with with teapot-style hat
- 83p Queen of Hearts, in a rage

Borders: text extracts, illustrations of items linked with character

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

£3 Alice at the tea party, listening to the Hatter and the March Hare talking, as the Hatter drops tea in mouth of dormouse

ALGERIA

(last listed in Nov 2014)

005 May 28, 2014

17th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement

Design: Djezia Chemih.

Printing: litho, Bank of Algeria.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 25.

15.00dh emblem (stylised dove and globe)

15.00dh emblem (tower monument and dove over blank globe)

Miniature sheet (2 x 1): se-tenant pair.

15.00dh, 15.00dh, designs as sheet stamps

006 June 26, 2014

FIFA 2014 Football World Cup Finals, Brazil

Design: Djezia Chemih.

Printing: litho, Bank of Algeria.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 25.

15.00dh footballer and his shadow over riband

38.00dh footballer and his shadow over banner

007 July 5, 2014

Complexe Olympique, Oran

Printing: litho, Bank of Algeria.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

15.00dh sports complex with multiple stadiums

008 Aug 27, 2014

Women's Costumes

Design: Ali Kerbouche.

Printing: litho, Bank of Algeria.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 25.

15.00dh woman in white haik

38.00dh woman in black m'laya

009 Sept 1, 2014

Prehistoric Arts. Stone Carvings

Printing: litho, Bank of Algeria.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 25.

15.00dh incised rock with image of chariot pulled at speed by two horses

20.00dh zoomorphic sculpture, head of a ram

30.00dh finger-shaped anthropomorphic sculpture

ASCENSION

(last listed in March 2015)

010 February 14, 2015

Green Turtle, *Chelonia mydas*

Design: from photographs by Glen Yon (1st design), Sam Weber (2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th designs) or Johnny Hobson (3rd design).

Printing: litho, BDT. Non-denominated, inscribed 'Airmail Postcard'

Sheet stamps: sheets of 20 with white frames.

- (50p) female green turtle crawling up beach

- (50p) female green turtle making nest

- (50p) turtle returning to the ocean

- (50p) newly hatched turtle

- (50p) hatchling crawling across beach

- (50p) hatchling at water's edge

Sheetlet (3 x 2): 6 stamps se-tenant, without white frames.

- (50p) female green turtle crawling up beach

- (50p) female green turtle making nest

- (50p) turtle returning to the ocean

- (50p) newly hatched turtle

- (50p) hatchling crawling across beach

- (50p) hatchling at water's edge

Border: newly hatched turtle (as stamp motif)

BAHAMAS

(last listed in Feb 2015)

011 March 6, 2015

World Day of Prayer. Contemporary Bahamian Works of Art

Printing: litho, BDT.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 10.

- 15c *Never Forget How To Serve* by Jessica Colebrooke: terracotta painted with oxides and stains
- 50c *Blessed* by Chantal Bethel: painting of flamingos in red light rays
- 65c *The Master Key*: metal sculpture by Tyrone Ferguson

Note: Chantal Bethel is from Haiti but has been a Bahamas resident since 1971

BOTSWANA

(last listed in Oct 2014)

012 Aug 1, 2014**Domestic Animals**

Design: Nancy Horenburgs. All designs show domestic agricultural scenes in background.

Printing: litho, Southern Colour Print, New Zealand.

Sheet stamps:

- 30t dog and puppy
- 40t goat with two kids
- P3.40 donkey and foal
- P3.50 cow and calf
- P7.30 hen and chick
- P8 cat and kitten

CANADA

(last listed in Jan 2015)

013 July 31, 2014**Canadian Country Music Artists**

Design: Sabrina McAllister and Xerxes Irani (Martel, Twain, Snow designs), or Roy White, SubPlot Design (Lang, Hunter designs).

Printing: litho, Lowe-Martin. Die-cut perf 13 x 13½ (booklets) or perf 12½ (miniature sheet).

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50): 10 stamps affixed 6/4 to inside covers.

P (85c) x 10 Renée Martel (b1947)

Cover: Martel, beside waterway

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50): 10 stamps affixed 6/4 to inside covers.

P (85c) x 10 Shania Twain (b1965, facing left)

Cover: Twain, facing right

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50): 10 stamps affixed 6/4 to inside covers.

P (85c) x 10 K D Lang (Kathryn Dawn Lang, b1961)

Surround: Lang with spectacles on forehead

Cover: Lang, as stamp motif

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50): 10 stamps affixed 6/4 to inside covers.

P (85c) x 10 Hank Snow (Clarence Eugene Snow, 1914-1999)

Cover: Snow, riding horse

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50): 10 stamps affixed 6/4 to inside covers.

P (85c) x 10 Tommy Hunter (b1937), with guitar

Surround: playing violin

Cover: Hunter, as stamp motif

Gummed miniature sheet: 5 stamps arranged in a vertical column of 3 and horizontal pair.

- P (85c) Hank Snow
- P (85c) Renée Martel
- P (85c) Shania Twain
- P (85c) Tommy Hunter
- P (85c) K D Lang

014 Aug 20, 2014**Canadian Museum for Human Rights**

Design: Circle (Adrian Shum), computer drawing.

Printing: litho, Lowe-Martin. Die-cut perf 13.

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50):

P (85c) x 10 Museum Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba

015 Aug 29, 2014**Great Canadian Comedians**

Design: Kosta Tsetsakas, Mike Savage and John Belisle (Signals). All design depict the performer in portrait in jacket, and in three celebrated character roles.

Printing: litho, Canadian Bank Note. Die-cut perf 13 (booklets) or perf 12½ x 13 (miniature sheet).

Gummed miniature sheet (3 x 2): 5 stamps and 1 label.

P (85c) Mike Myers, actor, screenwriter, film producer (b1963)

P (85c) Martin Short, Canadian-American actor, producer, presenter (b1950)

P (85c) Catherine O'Hara, comedian, film and television actress, writer (b1954)

P (85c) Olivier Guimond, actor, comedian (1914-1971)

P (85c) Jim Carrey, actor, impressionist, screenwriter (b1962)

Label: title

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50):

P (85c) x 10 Mike Myers

Cover: Myers, as portrait stamp motif

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50):

P (85c) x 10 Martin Short

Cover: Short, as portrait stamp motif, and cameo cut-outs of the other four comedians

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50):

P (85c) x 6 Martin Short

P (85c) x 1 Mike Myers

P (85c) x 3 Olivier Guimond

Cover: Guimond, as portrait stamp motif, and cameo cut-outs of the other four comedians

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50):

P (85c) x 6 Olivier Guimond

P (85c) x 1 Mike Myers

P (85c) x 1 Martin Short

P (85c) x 1 Jim Carrey

P (85c) x 1 Catherine O'Hara

Cover: Guimond, as portrait stamp motif, and cameo cut-outs of the other four comedians

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50):

P (85c) x 6 Jim Carrey

P (85c) x 1 Mike Myers

P (85c) x 1 Martin Short

P (85c) x 1 Olivier Guimond

P (85c) x 1 Catherine O'Hara

Cover: Carrey, as portrait stamp motif, and cameo cut-outs of the other four comedians

Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50):

P (85c) x 6 Catherine O'Hara

P (85c) x 1 Mike Myers

P (85c) x 1 Martin Short

P (85c) x 1 Olivier Guimond

P (85c) x 1 Jim Carrey

Cover: O'Hara, as portrait stamp motif, and cameo cut-outs of the other four comedians

016 Sept 29, 2014**Canada Post Community Foundation**

Design: Paul Haslip (HM&E Design).

Printing: litho, Lowe-Martin.

Self-adhesive booklet: 10 stamps affixed 5/5 to inside covers.

P (85c) + 10c x 10 five children in origami boat

Note: surcharge donated to voluntary child welfare work. See the surcharge, Canada Post appears to have sold the booklet philatelically at C\$8.50

017 Oct 3, 2014**'Original Six' Canadian Ice Hockey Defencemen**

Design: Avi Dunkelman and Joe Gault (MIX Design Group), from coloured posed photographs.

Printing: litho, Lowe-Martin. Die-cut perf 13½ (booklets) or die-cut perf 13½ x 13 (panels).

Self-adhesive booklet (\$5.10): 6 stamps arranged in 3 rows of 2.

P (85c) Tim Horton, Toronto Maple Leafs

P (85c) Doug Harvey, Montreal Canadiens

P (85c) Bobby Orr, Boston Bruins

P (85c) Harry Howell, New York Rangers

P (85c) Pierre Pilote, Chicago Black Hawks

P (85c) Red Kelly, Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs

Cover: National Hockey League team emblems of the period

Self-adhesive flat panel: format 90mm x 60mm.

P (85c) x 1 Tim Horton, Toronto Maple Leafs

Self-adhesive flat panel: format 90mm x 60mm.

P (85c) x 1 Doug Harvey, Montreal Canadiens

Self-adhesive flat panel: format 90mm x 60mm.

P (85c) x 1 Bobby Orr, Boston Bruins

Self-adhesive flat panel: format 90mm x 60mm.

P (85c) x 1 Pierre Pilote, Chicago Black Hawks

Self-adhesive flat panel: format 90mm x 60mm.

P (85c) x 1 Red Kelly, Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs

Note: the NHL was started in Canada in 1917 but expanded to include teams from the USA in 1924.

The 'Original Six' teams are those which played from the 1940s to the 1960s

018 Oct 3, 2014**Ice Hockey. NHL Ice-Resurfacing Machines**

Design: Avi Dunkelman and Joe Gault (MIX Design Group). Designs depict Zamboni machines in colours of seven National Hockey League teams, with team emblems.

Printing: litho, Lowe-Martin. Die-cut perf 8 x imperf (coil stamps) or perf 13 (miniature sheet).

Miniature sheet: 7 stamps arranged 4/3.

P (85c) Winnipeg Jets machine

P (85c) Ottawa Senators machine

P (85c) Toronto Maple Leafs machine

P (85c) Montréal Canadiens machine

P (85c) Vancouver Canucks machine

P (85c) Calgary Flames machine

P (85c) Edmonton Oilers machine

Self-adhesive coil stamps: vertical coils of 50.

P (85c) Winnipeg Jets machine

P (85c) Ottawa Senators machine

P (85c) Toronto Maple Leafs machine

P (85c) Montréal Canadiens machine

P (85c) Vancouver Canucks machine

P (85c) Calgary Flames machine

P (85c) Edmonton Oilers machine

Note: the first mechanical ice-resurfacing machine was built by Frank J Zamboni in 1949 from war-surplus parts and a Jeep engine

019 Oct 4, 2014**Wait For Me, Daddy. Departure of Canadian Forces for World War II**

Design: Susan Mavor (Metaform), from photograph by Claude P Dettloff, taken on October 1, 1940, for the *Vancouver Daily Province*.

Printing: litho, Lowe-Martin. Die-cut perf 13 (booklet) or perf 13 (miniature sheet).

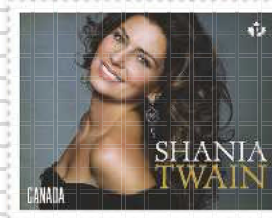
Self-adhesive booklet (\$8.50): 10 stamps



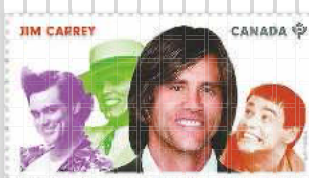
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SCOT 8 — RARE ANTI NAZI COVER: Commemorating the brave Shetland Islanders, who risked their lives in World War II, shipping supplies, arms, saboteurs and agents to Nazi Occupied Norway. Known as the Shetland Bus; the return journey was an escape route for refugees from the Gestapo. The rare cover of which only 75 are known to exist bears two Hildasay Shetland Island map stamps, with red Hildasay cachet, plus Royal Mail Machin issue postmarked with Baltasound Shetland pmk. Dated 15/5/12 and re-cancelled by the Royal Mail with Scalloway Shetland Isl. Ship postmark dated 17/5/12. Seldom offered for sale Price..... £18.

UK. 84 GREAT BRITAIN — Royal Mail Elusive Mount Pleasant Sorting Office Cover. Issued to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the GPO Mount Pleasant Office, officially opened on 30/8/1889, on the site of Coldbath Prison. Once acknowledged as the largest post sorting office in the world, it continues to handle millions of postal items daily. Only 100 of this important cover were ever produced. Bearing the iconic Machin stamp pmkd. With "double circle" Royal Mail Official Mount Pleasant pmk. Dated 30/8/14. Offered in superb condition £7.50

B98 BOLIVIA — A specialised collection of Bolivian Stamps ranging from early and older stamps to more recent. Containing mint & used with many better overprinted and engraved stamps, 100s of different Bolivian stamps. The fine collection — Price £15

E 40. EIRE. — The elusive cover commemorating the centenary of the Ireland Home Rule Act of 1914; granting the whole of Ireland Home Rule. The act was postponed for the duration of World War I. and subsequently never enacted; vital to complete any collection of Ireland postal history. Only sixty of these covers are known to exist. The cover bears a green Irish stamp with double rimmed Belfast Royal Mail pmk. Dated 18/9/14 in combination with an Eire map stamp with "Home Rule for tire" squared cachet in blue. — Price £14.50

CH17. GB WORLD WAR I — Sir Winston Churchill World War I, Commem. Cover. The Centenary Cover which was a limited edition of only 100 covers, commemorated the spiriting away of the UK's Naval Fleet from Portland Base to Scapa Flow, in the Orkneys on 28/7/1914. Churchill's pragmatic first action of World War I. The cover bears the special Churchill, Royal Mail commemorative, pmkd. With Royal Mail Maritime Scapa Flow Orkney Illustrated pmk. Dated 28/7/14. — Price £9.75

AH92. AUSTRIA/HUNGARY & BOSNIA - A superb stamp collection. Noted, Bosnia Austro-Hungarian military post stamps of 1900 (these are offered for sale "as is" without guarantee), they form part of a larger collection of genuine Austria & Hungary with mint and used stamps. If all the stamps were genuine the catalogue value would be over £550. But some stamps may be faux. Offered "as is" — Price..... £21

SA37 PANAMA CANAL - Impressive Cover Commemorating the Centenary of the opening of the Panama Canal. Superbly Illustrated with Panama Canal Map and Quote by — W. H. Taft. Taft served as Secretary of War under Theodore Roosevelt and supervised the building of the Canal; he later became 27th President of the USA. The cover was a restricted issue of only 100. It bears a USA ship stamp tied to the cover with small purple cachet inscribed "Zona del Canal de Panama" also British stamp used in combination with Royal Mail ship and bi-plane Southampton pmk. 15/8/14. — Price £14

RU46. RUSSIA - A superior collection of the stamps of Russia; strength in Soviet Union Issues with multitude of thematic subjects. Several hundred different Russian stamps (Miniature sheets noted) — Price £15

HRH72. KING EDWARD VIII - Great Britain K.E. VIII special commemorative cover. The scarce cover commemorates the 120th Anniv. of the Birth of K.E. VIII, quoting the famous abdication speech. "I found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge my duty as King, as I would wish, without the help and support of the woman I love." From a severely restricted world-wide issue of only 60 covers. The cover bears the K.E.VIII Royal Mail commemorative with first day of issue Royal Family Tree Postmark dated 2/2/12. Unusually the cover war re-posted on 23/6/14 and cancelled with the official Royal House of Windsor Arms pmk. The cover also bears the complete British Original K.E.VIII set of 1936 definitive stamps, tied to the cover with boxed purple cachet, inscribed "King Edward VIII GPO postage stamp Issue September 1936" We offer this important and valuable cover for sale.....Price £24.50

H54. ISLE OF HILDASAY — Scarce China related cover commemorating the 70th Anniv. of the Dixie Mission. The cover depicts Mao Tse Tung and American soldiers in 1944. Inscribed in English and Chinese the cover unusually bears a combination of Royal Mail and Shetland Island stamps; bearing a Shetland £1 stamp depicting Mao Tse Tung with red Hildasay Island Cachet in combination with Royal Mail postage stamp pmkd. with official Royal Mail penguin pmk. at Unst (Britains most northerly post office) on 22/7/14. Only 60 of the Dixie mission cover where ever known to exist & seldom offered for sale Price..... £13.50

M884. MEXICO A superb accumulation of only unmounted mint Mexican stamps, including sheets, multiples, blocks and singles. Well over 400 unmounted mint Mexican Stamps and several miniature sheets. Many older beautifully engraved unmounted mint stamps, all genuine, with a catalogue value of approx. £200. — Price only £29 the lot.

GER15. HELIGOLAND - A valuable cover for the centenary of the battle of Heligoland. This was the first Naval Battle and first British Naval victory of World War I. Superbly Illustrated depicting the German cruiser SMS Coln. The battle of Heligoland ended with 3 German cruisers and 1 destroyer being sunk by the British. The cover bears a Heligoland stamp with German Cross cachet inscribed "Deutsches Reich — Heligoland" also a British stamp with Lions and Crown London Pmk. with the centenary date of 20/8/14. Originally 100 covers existed, but mostly in collectors hands they are rarely available for sale. Recommended at our price of £18.50

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P (85c) column of soldiers of Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles marching to a waiting ship, with five-year-old Warren 'Whitey' Bernard breaking from his mother Bernice's grasp to run towards his father, Private Jack Bernard; red poppy

Labels: poppy

Cover: as stamp motif

Miniature sheet (5 x 1):

P (85c) x 5 Warren Bernard running towards his father (design as booklet stamp)

Border: enlarged version of the photograph

CYPRUS

Turkish Republic (KKTC)

(last listed in Jan 2015)

020 Aug 8, 2014

50th anniversary of the Turkish Cypriot Resistance Movement

Design: Korel Sonmezer.

Printing: litho, State Printing Office, Lefkosa.

Sheet stamp:

1TL map of Cyprus with landing point of Turkish forces coming from Azamur marked with 'shuttlecock'

Note: official first day cover depicts armed forces

021 Sept 19, 2014

Fruit Tree Flowers

Design: Korel Sonmezer (70k, 80k), or Huseyin Billur (60k, 1TL), from photographs.

Printing: litho, State Printing Office, Lefkosa.

Sheet stamps:

60k apple blossom
70k orange blossom
80k quince blossom
1TL peach blossom

FAROEES

(last listed Oct 2014)

022 Sept 24, 2014

The Casement Report on Atrocities in the Congo Free State, 1904

Design: Anker Eli Petersen.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 20.

25kr portrait of Roger Casement (left), British diplomat and author of the report commissioned by the British Parliament; Balodo Mission paddlesteamer *Pioneer* (above) and American Baptist Mission paddlesteamer *Henry Reed* (below); portrait of Daniel J Danielsen, known as 'Dollin' (right), missionary and seaman from the Faroes; background map of Africa

Note: the report detailed atrocities against the Congolese people by Belgian authorities under direct control of King Leopold II; navigation and maintenance of the vessels was handled by Dollin

023 Sept 24, 2014

Centenary of the Great War, 1914-1918

Design: Anker Eli Petersen.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Miniature sheet (2 x 2):

8kr newspaper headlines of 1914 in French, Danish, German and English,

8kr outline map of Europe, silhouette of rower in open boat, birds
8kr silhouette of two children, Faroes rye bread ration coupons, Great War leaders: Georges Clemenceau (France) Kaiser Wilhelm II (Germany), Emperor Franz Josef I (Austria), Herbert Asquith (Britain), Enver Pasha (Turkey), Tsar Nicholas II (Russia)
8kr map with British Isles and Faroe Islands, German submarine UC33 and burning fishing smack
8kr silhouette of soldiers on western front, map of Vimy Ridge, portrait of Christian Pjeturson (Petersen), Faroes emigrant who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1916

Note: after the German Navy's declaration of a war zone in the Atlantic which included Faroes waters (although the Faroes were neutral), the UC33 seized and sank several Faroes fishing boats on May 23-24, 1917

024 Sept 24, 2014

70th anniversary of the Normandy Landings

Design: Anker Eli Petersen.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 20.

26kr portrait of Vilhelm Reinert-Joensen, 1891-1949, marine engineer and ship's captain, with American troop transport vessels *George Washington*, *Greenville Victory* and *Edmund B Alexander*

Note: Joensen, who was born in Greenland, grew up in the Faroes and became a US citizen in 1928, captained the three vessels. He was involved at a senior level in military planning, and was present on Omaha Beach organising tug-transport of equipment after D-Day

025 Sept 24, 2014

Christmas 2014. The Christmas Gospel, second issue. The Shepherds

Design: Edward Fuglø (artworks).

Printing: litho, Lowe-Martin.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 20 (5 x 4).

8.00kr angels appearing to shepherds, star
14.50kr shepherds and their sheep, star

Maximum cards: pair, as stamp motifs

Booklet (90kr): single pane of 8 stamps,

comprising two blocks of four in chequer formation, mounted sideways.

8.00kr x 4 angels appearing to shepherds, star

14.50kr x 4 shepherds and their sheep, star

Covers: motifs from stamps

026 Oct 1, 2014

Faroes Stamps for 40 Years

Designs: all designs reproduce past Faroes stamps which were engraved by Czeslaw Slania.

Printing: flexography, Ganket, Denmark. Die-cut perf 11 (partial) and imperf.

Self-adhesive vending machine labels:

8.00kr fishing smack *TN 54 Westward Ho* (built Grimsby 1884), a 2.80kr stamp design from 1984

8.00kr ruins of the cathedral in Kurkjubøur, a 2.70kr stamp design from 1988

8.00kr Tórshavn Church (1779-1989), a 3.50kr stamp design from 1989

8.00kr five dairymaids (c1900), a 4.00kr stamp design from 1995

Note: the four labels were sold philatelically in a vertical strip, separately affixed to translucent buff backing paper

027 Nov 3, 2014

Christmas 2014: Greytasleikur & Kertustubbi (Santa Figures)

Design: Edward Fuglø (drawings).

Printing: litho. Non-postal, sold at 30kr.

Christmas Seals: sheetlet of 30 stamps (5 x 6).

- x 30 different designs depicting Greytasleikur (Porridge Lover) and Kertustubbi (Candle Stump), Santa-like characters from a Christmas radio programme, getting ready for Christmas, helped by Halaleysi the tom cat

FRANCE

(last listed in Sept 2014)

028 April 5, 2014

Caroline Aigle, 1974-2007

Design: Pierre-André Cousin.

Engraving: Pierre Albuissou.

Printing: recess and litho, PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 40 (5 x 8) with plain borders.

3.55€ portrait of the first female fighter pilot in French Air Force (1999), and Mirage 2000-5 (on ground)

Sheetlet (2 x 5): with illustrated borders.

3.55€ x 10 portrait of Aigle and Mirage 2000-5, as sheet stamp

Border: badges, aircraft

Note: Aigle died of cancer aged 32

029 April 6, 2014

70th anniversary of the Seizure of Children, Teachers & Carers at the 'House of Izieu'

Design: Stéphane Humbert-Basset, after a photograph held by the Memorial Foundation Museum.

Engraving: Pierre Albuissou.

Printing: recess and litho, PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 48 (6 x 8).

0.61€ group of Jewish children outside the Izieu refuge and school run by Sabine Miron Zlatin, near Lyon

Note: during the German occupation of France, the Gestapo on the orders of Klaus Barbie seized 44 children and seven adults on April 6, 1944 and sent them to the Auschwitz extermination camp

030 April 18, 2014

Capitals of Europe. Vienna

Design: Stéphane Levallois.

Printing: gravure, PhilaPoste.

Miniature sheet: 4 stamps and 3 labels.

0.66€ Pavilion of the Secession (studio and exhibition hall for contemporary art by the secession movement)

0.66€ Schloss Belvedere (baroque palace)

0.66€ Karlskirche (Church of St Charles Boromée)

0.66€ Vienna Hofburg (imperial residence), with equestrian statue of Prince Eugene of Savoy

Labels: artworks (art nouveau period)

031 April 25, 2014

Great Moments in French History, issue 3. 1214



020 TURKISH CYPRUS

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024 FAROES

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Design & Engraving: Elsa Catelin.

Printing: recess, PhilaPoste.

Miniature sheet: 2 separately spaced designs.

1.65€ stained glass window of St Louis (King Louis IX), born at Poissy (now Yvelines) on April 25, 1214

1.65€ Battle of Bouvines, July 1214, in which King Philippe Auguste (Philippe II, father of Louis IX) was victorious over an alliance of English and Holy Roman Empire armies

Note: see also issue of June 14, 2014

032 May 1, 2014

Timbres Passion Stamp Fair, Poitiers

Design & Engraving: Elsa Catelin.

Printing: recess, PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 36, each se-tenant with label.

0.61€ Palace of the Counts of Poitou and Dukes of Aquitaine, Poitiers

Labels: portrait of Eleanor of Aquitaine

Note: Eleanor was Queen of England from 1154 to 1189, as wife of King Henry II

033 May 3, 2014

Holidays

Design: Henri Galeron, depicting various creatures on holiday.

Printing: gravure, PhilaPoste. Non-denominated, inscribed 'Lettre Verte 20g'. Die-cut perf 11.

Self-adhesive booklet: 12 stamps affixed 4/4/4 to inside covers.

-(0.61€) dog on beach consuming ice lolly

-(0.61€) snail with caravan for shell, and bicycle slung on back

-(0.61€) cockerel wearing headphones, with egg in eggcup also wearing headphones

-(0.61€) fish with surfboard

-(0.61€) crab on beach building sandcastle with spade and rake

-(0.61€) two cats cuddling beneath illuminations

-(0.61€) ibex mountain-climbing

-(0.61€) rabbits riding a tandem

-(0.61€) two tortoises, one in deckchair playing guitar, the other dancing

-(0.61€) lobster on beach with fishing net, bucket, swimming ring and flippers

-(0.61€) frogs riding in a swan pedalo

-(0.61€) ducks in a camping site

Cover: motifs similar to stamp designs

034 April 25, 2014

Europa 2014. Musical Instrument

Printing: gravure, PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 30 (6 x 5).

0.83€ harp, 1787, made by Jean Henri Naderman, 1735-1799

035 May 6, 2014

20th anniversary of the Fixed Link Beneath the English Channel

Design: Stéphane Humbert-Basset, after Philippe Turpin.

Engraving: Pierre Albuissou.

Printing: recess, PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 48.

0.66€ train emerging from Eurotunnel in Coquelles, Pas de Calais, with distant view of cliffs of Dover

036 May 8, 2014

Tourism. Boulogne-sur-Mer

Design: Sophie Beaujard.

Engraving: Line Filhon.

Printing: recess PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 40 (4 x 10).

0.61€ composite view of Boulogne with port and wharves, belfrey, cathedral and city gate

037 May 24, 2014

150th anniversary of the French Red Cross.

Love in 10 Flowers

Design: 1140 Publishing, after photographs.

Printing: gravure, PhilaPoste. Non-denominated, inscribed 'Lettre Verte 20g'. Die-cut perf 11.

Self-adhesive booklet (sold at 8.10€): 10 stamps affixed to inside covers in vertical 'pair' and 2 'blocks' of 4.

-(0.61€) rose bush

-(0.61€) marguerites

-(0.61€) red tulips

-(0.61€) sunflowers

-(0.61€) irises

-(0.61€) orchids

-(0.61€) daffodils

-(0.61€) lilies

-(0.61€) carnations

-(0.61€) gardenias

Cover: pink petals

Note: the 2€ surcharge went to the Red Cross

038 June 5, 2014

70th anniversary of the Normandy Landings

Design: Aurélie Baras, from illustration by Nicolas Vial.

Printing: gravure, PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 30 (3 x 10).

0.66€ landing craft in surf and troops advancing on beach

Miniature sheet:

0.66€ landing craft in surf and troops advancing on beach

Border: beach landings (drawing, with concrete bunker and paratroops)

Note: the miniature sheet was sold in a folder, at 3.20€. First day postmarks were applied on both June 5 and June 6, at Caen, Bayeux, Ouistreham, Ste Mère Eglise, Paris, and other locations

039 June 7, 2014

Tourism. Abbey of Pontigny, Yonne

Design & Engraving: Pierre Albuissou.

Printing: recess: PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 40 (10 x 4).

0.61€ exterior of the Cistercian abbey and leaded window with blue glass

Note: founded in 1114

040 June 8, 2014

70th anniversary of the Massacres at Tulle, June 9, 1944

Design: Jean Didier and ZAD.

Printing: gravure, PhilaPoste.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 40 (4 x 10).

0.66€ three groups of men of Tulle detained at an arms factory

Note: during the German occupation, on the pretext of paperwork controls, the SS Panzer Division rounded up men of Tulle aged between 16 and 60 and herded them to the arms factory grounds; 99 of them were executed, and 149 sent for deportation

041 June 14, 2014

Railway Heritage. The Great Epic Train Journey

Design: Stéphane Humbert-Basset.

Printing: gravure, PhilaPoste. Non-denominated, inscribed 'Lettre Prioritaire 20g'. Die-cut perf.

Self-adhesive booklet (7.92€): 12 stamps arranged in three panes of 4 (2 x 2).

-(0.66€) Upper Normandy: locomotive *Buddicom* No33 (1830)

-(0.66€) Vallée de Chamonix: Z-209 multiple unit in crowded station (1901)

-(0.66€) Paris, Gare du Nord: Pacific locomotive *Chapelon Nord* 3.1192 (1930), with passengers and porters on platform

-(0.66€) Haute-Marne: Autorail multiple unit *Micheline XM5005*, equipped with pneumatic tyres (1931)

Border: woman with luggage, stationmaster

-(0.66€) Côte Vermeille: *Mikado* 141R 1187 steam locomotive on coastal line (1946)

-(0.66€) Moselle: LA BB 12125 locomotive, type 25kV, 50Hz (1961)

-(0.66€) Île-de-France: Inox Z 6100 suburban electric locomotive (1963)

-(0.66€) Les Cévennes: BB 66001 diesel locomotive hauling train across viaduct (1959)

Border: hiker, couple greeting each other

-(0.66€) Les Landes: BB 9004 electric locomotive (1955)

-(0.66€) Gare de Boulogne-Aéroglossiers: *Turbotrain RTG T 2057* (1973)

-(0.66€) Gare de Benedictins, Limoges: train in station, clock-tower in background (1975)

-(0.66€) Gare de Belfort-Monbéliard: third generation TGV-duplex high-speed train (2013)

Border: man and child with suitcases

Cover: station clock

Note: dates given are of introduction of model

042 June 14, 2014

Salon du Timbre 2014, Paris. Great Moments in French History

Design & Engraving: Louis Boursier (1.45€ values) or Elsa Catelin (1.65€ values).

Printing: recess and gold foil embossed, PhilaPoste.

Miniature sheet: 4 separately spaced stamps.

1.45€ Battle of Muret, 1213

1.45€ Siege of Tournai, 1213

1.65€ St Louis (King Louis IX, 1214-1270), in style of stained-glass window

1.65€ Battle of Bouvines, 1214

Border: stamp collecting activities, birds, gold-fruited plants

Note: the 1.45€ designs were previously issued in a miniature sheet of November 8, 2013, and the 1.65€ designs in a miniature sheet of April 25, 2014 (listed above). This issue was sold at the Salon du Timbre exhibition from June 14, but not available nationally until June 23

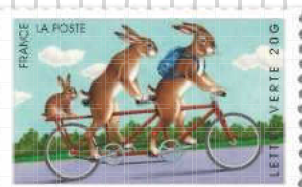
GREECE

(last listed Nov 2014)

043 April 12, 2014

Thessaloniki, European Youth Capital 2014

Printing: litho. Die-cut perf 13.25 (booklet stamp)



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or perf 14 x 13¾ (sheetlet stamp).

Self-adhesive booklet (9.00€): 10 vertical-format stamps affixed to inside covers.

0.90€ x 10 black and chrome head inscribed with title of issue

Gummed generic personalisable sheetlet: 10 square-format stamps and 10 labels.

0.90€ x 10 black and chrome head inscribed with title of issue

Labels: post emblem

Note: the generic sheetlet was sold at €12.50. The stamp design is a reduced version of that used in the booklet

Note: intervening issues were listed in October and November 2014

044 July 9, 2014

EuroMed Postal Cooperation

Design: Amany Ahmed Ali (Egypt Post), adapted by Hellenic Posts. Design includes logo of EuroMed Postal Union.

Printing: litho, Giesecke & Devrient Matsoukis SA, Athens. Perf 13.25 x 13.75 (sheetlet) or imperf x 13.75 (booklet stamp).

Sheetlet (4 x 2):

3.00€ x 8 relief map of the Mediterranean region

Booklet (6.00€):

3.00€ x 2 relief map of the Mediterranean region

Note: omnibus issue across EuroMed Postal, the new postal service and technology cooperation group for Mediterranean countries

IRELAND

(last listed in March 2015)

045 Jan 7, 2015

Celebrating Science. Science Gallery & Exhibitions 2015

Design: Detail, Dublin.

Printing: litho, BDT.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 16 arranged in 8 se-tenant pairs.

68c Science Gallery, Trinity College, Dublin: patterned interpretation of the Gallery's logo in squares and circles
68c BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, Dublin: rocket designed by a boy

Note: the rocket was built by an exhibitor at a science fair in New Mexico, and was the inspiration for the first Young Scientist exhibition in Ireland, taking entries from schools, 50 years ago

046 Jan 22, 2015

50th anniversary of the Meetings of Seán Lemass & Terence O'Neill

Design: Red & Grey Design (photomontage).

Printing: litho, BDT.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 16.

68c portraits of Seán Francis Lemass, 1899-1971, Taoiseach of the Irish Republic, and Terence O'Neill, 1914-1990, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, and Stormont Castle, the seat of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Note: controversial talks in Belfast and then Dublin in 1965 are considered to have been the first rapprochement between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland since partition in 1920

047 Feb 12, 2015

Greetings. Love

Design: Donagh Young.

Printing: litho, Cartor. Die-cut perf 10¼.

Sheet stamp:

N (68c) typographical 'Love' in purple-orange and red, and decorative heart-shape

Self-adhesive booklet (€6.80): stamps affixed to inside covers.

N (68c) x 10 typographical 'Love' in purple-orange and red, and decorative heart-shape

Cover: as stamp motif

Note: philatelic distribution was of a vertical pair with plain backing paper.

ISLE of MAN

(last listed in April 2015)

048 Jan 2, 2015

Chinese Lunar New Year. Year of the Sheep

Design: Guo Zhenshan (10p) or Du Xiaoxiao (€3).

Printing: litho, BDT.

Sheetlet (4 x 4):

10p x 16 lamb, with one leg raised, pink and blue decorations, wheatears

Labels: auspicious objects and character

Miniature sheet (2 x 1):

10p lamb (design as sheetlet stamp)

€3 sheep, floral decoration

Border: hanging lanterns and decorative chinese characters

049 Jan 2, 2015

Winston Churchill, 1874-1965

Design: Allen Packwood, from photographs.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Gummed sheet stamps: sheets of 20 arranged in 5 vertically se-tenant pairs.

42p Churchill in military uniform
42p Churchill in coat and top hat, walking
75p Churchill in greatcoat, speaking at a rally
75p Churchill writing at his desk, smoking cigar
90p Churchill giving 'Victory' sign
90p Churchill in USA, making a speech (with CBS and NBC radio microphones)
110p Churchill seated under a parasol, painting a landscape
110p Churchill building a brick wall in his garden

050 Feb 17, 2014

The Centenary of World War I. Battle Fronts

Design: CASCO, from monochrome archive photographs. All designs include a Royal British Legion remembrance poppy in colour.

Printing: litho, BDT.

Sheetlet (3 x 3):

42p x 8 Palestine campaign: Turkish artillery firing at Hircira, 1917

Border: tank advancing with troops

Sheetlet (3 x 3):

42p x 8 home front: two women working in partially assembled tank, painting

Border: tank advancing with troops

Sheetlet (3 x 3):

75p x 8 Western front: troops in street of ruined village in Nesle on the Somme in 1917 (church in background)

Border: tank advancing with troops

Sheetlet (3 x 3):

€1.10 x 8 Eastern front: column of Austrian

troops on the march

Border: tank advancing with troops

Sheetlet (3 x 3):

€1.16 x 8 Gallipoli campaign: Allied land forces firing artillery, 1916

Border: tank advancing with troops

Sheetlet (3 x 3):

€1.64 x 8 Italian-Austrian campaign: Austrian troops at a glacier at Marmolada, Tirol, 1916

Border: tank advancing with troops

Note: a folder containing the set of sheetlets was sold at €30

051 Feb 17, 2015

175th anniversary of the Penny Black & Twopenny Blue

Design: Leanne Sherliker.

Printing: litho, BDT.

Gummed sheet stamps: sheets of 20 (4 x 5) with illustrated upper borders.

1p mint Penny Black of 1840 with corner letters SG
42p mint Twopenny Blue of 1840 with corner letters SG
90p mint Penny Red of 1841 with corner letters SG
€1.20 portrait of Edward Stanley Gibbons, 1840-1913, and front cover of *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*, May 1940, with illustration of a Penny Black
€1.60 portrait of William Mulready, 1786-1863, designer of Mulready postal stationery, and cover sent to Steam Packet Office in Douglas, July 1840

\$2.30 portrait of Rowland Hill, postal reformer, and Penny Red on cover sent to the Isle of Man on May 14, 1841

Border: mint stamps or portraits from stamps

Sheetlet (4 x 5):

42p x 2 mint Twopenny Blue (positions 1, 20)
1p x 16 mint Penny Black (positions 2-3, 5-16, 18-19)
90p x 2 mint Penny Red (positions 4, 17)

052 Feb 26, 2015

70th anniversary of the End of World War II. VE Day, May 8, 1945 & VJ Day, August 15, 1945

Design: from Press Association photograph (VE Day) or artwork by James Fenton (VJ Day).

Printing: litho, BDT.

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

€1.50 VE Day: young woman celebrating, crowds in London, war medal, press coverage

Miniature sheet (3 x 1): 2 stamps and 1 central label.

€1 VJ Day: portrait of a gurkha soldier
€1 VJ Day: soldier firing rifle

Label and border: the Burma Star (medal), war sketches by James Fenton, press coverage

JERSEY

(last listed in April 2015)

053 Feb 18, 2015

Jersey Protected Species under the Eco-Active Campaign.

Design: Andrew Beckett.

Printing: gravure, Walsall, with franking value and coding added by machine.



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051 ISLE OF MAN

Penny Black & Twopenny Blue



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- † puffin, *Fratercula arctica*
- † agile frog, *Rana dalmatina*
- † red squirrel, *Sciurus vulgaris*
- † green lizard, *Lacerta bilineata*
- † hedgehog, *Erinaceus europaeus*
- † barn owl, *Tyto alba*

Note: philatelic distribution was of a vertical strip of six different designs with rates of Local Letter up to 100g, UK Letter up to 100g, Europe up to 20g, Local Large up to 100g, International Letter up to 20g and UK Large up to 100g

054 Feb 18, 2015

Definitives. Crest of Jersey

Design: True North. All designs show the Crest of Jersey (three leopards).

Printing: litho, Cartor, with microprinted background text comprising the names of Jersey's 12 parishes. Perf 14 x 13½. Format 25mm x 20mm.

Gummed sheet stamps: sheets of 25.

- 1p crest of Jersey, deep lilac
- 2p crest of Jersey, pale yellow olive
- 3p crest of Jersey, blue
- 4p crest of Jersey, sea green
- 5p crest of Jersey, pale maroon
- 10p crest of Jersey, pink
- 20p crest of Jersey, bright orange
- 40p crest of Jersey, bright cyan
- 50p crest of Jersey, bright pale emerald
- £1 crest of Jersey, deep scarlet

055 Feb 18, 2015

Definitive. Crest of Jersey

Design: True North.

Printing: litho, Cartor, with microprinted background text comprising the names of Jersey's 12 parishes, plus hologram by Kurz, Germany. Perf 13½ x 13½. Format 51mm x 37½mm.

Gummed sheetlet (2 x 2):

- £5 x 4 crest of Jersey

LITHUANIA

(last listed in Nov 2014)

056 Aug 23, 2014

25th anniversary of the Baltic Chain

Design: Indrek Ilves (Estonia), from photograph of 650km human chain formed on August 23, 1989, from Gediminas Castle in Vilnius, Lithuania, to Hermann Tower in Tallinn, Estonia.

Printing: litho, Enschedé. Dual denominations.

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

- 7.00Lt/2.03€ five adults and a child with linked hands in front of parked car
- 7.00Lt/2.03€ three women with linked hands in front of parked car
- 7.00Lt/2.03€ woman and man with linked hands in front of parked car

Border: map of Baltic nations with line of chain

Note: joint issue with Estonia and Latvia

057 Sept 6, 2014

500th anniversary of the Battle of Orsha

Printing: litho. Dual denominations.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 50 (5 x 10).

- 2.60Lt/0.75€ portrait of Konstantin Ostrofsky 1460-1530, the Hetman of Lithuania, national emblem (rider) on shield, sword, battle scene

Note: the battle on September 8, 1514, saw the allied forces of Lithuania and Poland defeat the army of the Grand Duchy of Moscow

058 Sept 20, 2014

Launch of Communications & Test Satellites LituanicaSat-1 & LitSat-1, January 9, 2014

Design: Evelina Paukštyte.

Printing: litho. Dual denominations.

Sheetlet (5 x 4): 16 stamps and 4 labels, arranged with stamps in rows 2 and 4 inverted, creating 8 vertically tête-bêche pairs. Designs composite with border.

- 2.90Lt/0.84€ satellites LituanicaSat-1 and LitSat-2 over globe

Labels: satellites

Border: constellations

Booklet: pane of 6 stamps and 2 labels (4 x 2), arranged with the lower row of 3 stamps and 1 label inverted, creating 2 vertically tête-bêche pairs.

- 2.90Lt/0.84€ x 6 satellites LituanicaSat-1 and LitSat-2 over globe

Cover: satellites and map of Eurasia, with mock holograms

059 Oct 11, 2014

Definitive. Belfries series

Design: K Katkus.

Printing: litho. Die-cut perf 12.6 x 12.4. Imprint date '2014'. Dual denominations.

Self-adhesive sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

- 5ct/0.01€ wooden belfry of Valbaninkas (19th century), yellow-green background

060 Oct 11, 2014

50th anniversary of First Open Heart Surgery at Vilnius University Hospital's Santariškis Clinic

Design: Tomas Dragunas.

Printing: litho. Dual denominations.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 50 (10 x 5).

- 2.80Lt/0.81€ surgeon, cardiogram trace, heart

061 Nov 8, 2014

Christmas & New Year

Design: Augustina Gruzdyte.

Printing: litho.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 50 (10 x 5).

- 1.35Lt man carrying envelope through storm
- 2.80Lt Santa Claus in balloon gondola landing in a vortex

MONTSERRAT

(last listed in Feb 2015)

062 Dec 4, 2014

World Famous Figures

Design: IGPC, from line-screened portraits.

Printing: litho, Cardon, Taiwan.

Sheetlet (2 x 2):

- \$3.25 Benjamin Franklin, 1706-1790, American statesman, diplomat, writer, inventor, printer
- \$3.25 Martin Luther King Jr, 1929-1968, American civil rights activist
- \$3.25 Nelson Mandela, 1918-2013, South African anti-apartheid campaigner, later President
- \$3.25 Winston Churchill, 1874-1965, British politician, Prime Minister, writer

Border: map of Americas and south Asia

Miniature sheet:

- \$7 Mahatma Gandhi, 1869-1948, Indian nationalist, philosopher

Border: map showing west Africa, Europe and south Asia

063 Dec 22, 2014

Tropical Fish

Design: IGPC Art Department.

Printing: litho, Cardon, Taiwan.

Sheetlet (2 x 2):

- \$3.25 blue-girdled angelfish, *Pomacanthus navarchus*
- \$3.25 foxface rabbitfish, *Siganus vulpinus*
- \$3.25 powder blue tang fish, *Acanthurus leucosternon*
- \$3.25 clown trigger fish, *Balistoides conspicillum*

Miniature sheet:

- \$7 six-spine butterfly fish, *Parachaetodon ocellatus*

Note: all species depicted occur naturally in the Indian Ocean and western Pacific Ocean, not in Montserrat waters

PORTUGAL

(last listed in March 2015)

064 May 27, 2014

Definitives. Extreme & Action Sport

Design: Atelier Whitestudio, after João Machado.

Printing: Cartor, litho. Non-denominated. Die-cut perf 11.25 x 11.5. Format 25mm x 30mm.

Self-adhesive booklet (18.00€): 50 stamps separately spaced, surround still present.

- N 20g (0.36€) x 50 surfing

Self-adhesive booklet (25.00€): 50 stamps separately spaced, surround still present.

- A 20g (0.50€) x 50 mountain-biking/BMX biking

Self-adhesive booklet (35.00€): 50 stamps separately spaced, surround still present.

- E 20g (0.70€) x 50 skateboarding

Note: philatelically distributed as single stamps. The motifs of the N 20g and E 20g values are as the gummed and denominated sheet stamps issued on Feb 10, 2014, and the design of the A 20g value is based on the gummed issue of Feb 10, 2015, but radically redrawn, and including a 'Corrieo Azul' blue logo and repositioned inscriptions. Format is also 2½mm shallower and 1mm narrower

065 June 6, 2014

150th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations Between Portugal & Mexico

Design: Design&etc (Helder Soares).

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Gummed sheet stamps: sheets of 50.

- 0.42€ flags of Portugal and Mexico
- 0.80€ flags of Mexico and of Portugal, in wind

066 June 12, 2014

500th anniversary of the Diocese of Funchal, Madeira

Design: Design&etc (Elizabete Fonseca).

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Gummed sheet stamps: sheets of 50.

- 0.42€ 16th-century jewelled processional cross from Funchal Diocese
- 0.50€ painting of the Apostle James (patron saint), from Funchal cathedral
- 0.72€ statuette of Virgin Mary in gold dress
- 0.80€ Pope John Paul II

Miniature sheet:

- 1.00€ foundation document for Funchal Diocese, *Pro Excellenti Praeeminentia*, issued by Pope Leo X, 1514

Border: larger view of foundation document

Miniature sheet:



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Christmas & New Year



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Tropical Fish



067 PORTUGAL

Football World Cup Finals

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1.70€ west end and tower of Funchal Cathedral, constructed from 1508
Border: cathedral interior
Note: stamps are inscribed simply 'Portugal Correos', but were included in the Madeira year booklet for 2014 (listed in March 2015). A set of four postcards was also issued

067 June 16, 2014

FIFA Football World Cup Finals, Brazil

Design: Design&etc (Elizabete Fonseca).

Printing: litho, INCM (The Mint).

Sheet stamps: sheets of 50.

0.42€ World Cup 2014 emblem (showing trophy) and central detail of Portuguese flag

0.72€ World Cup 2014 mascot (cartoon) and central detail of Brazilian flag

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

1.00€ footballers silhouetted against orange sky, World Cup trophy, Portuguese flag

068 June 26, 2014

Parks & Gardens of Portugal

Design: AF Atelier, from photographs.

Printing: litho, INCM (The Mint).

Sheet stamps: sheets of 12.

0.42€ Palácio Fronteira, Lisbon

0.42€ Chalet da Contessa Edla, Sintra

0.50€ Palácio Nacional de Queluz, Sintra

0.62€ Parque de Serralves, Porto

0.72€ Jardim Botânico da Universidade, Coimbra

0.72€ lake in Tilhães Monastery, Braga

0.80€ Parque Terra Nostra, São Miguel, Azores

0.80€ garden in Quinta do Palheiro Ferreira, Madeira

Note: an illustrated bound book, containing the stamps, was also produced

069 June 30, 2014

UNESCO World Heritage Site. Elvas

Design: Atelier AF, from photographs.

Printing: litho, INCM (The Mint).

Sheet stamps:

0.42€ star-shaped fortifications, constructed 1763-1792

0.50€ Amoreira aqueduct

0.72€ Santa Luzia fort with star-shaped defences

0.80€ gateway to the city centre, with pillory

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

€1.70 city gate in the direction of Olivença, and defensive bastions

SAN MARINO

(last listed in July 2013)

070 Aug 30, 2012

For Earthquake Relief in Emilia, Italy

Design: Fabio Ferrini.

Printing: litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

Sheet stamp:

1.00€ green 'fingers' holding up an air brick

071 Oct 16, 2012

Christmas 2012. Contemporary Art

Design: from painting by Marco Ventura.

Printing: litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 20 (5 x 4).

0.85€ *Madonna con Bambino*: Madonna and

Child seated in upright chair, and angels

072 Oct 16, 2012

20th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations Between San Marino & Croatia

Design: Ivana Vucic.

Printing: litho, Zrinski, Croatia

Miniature sheet:

0.85€ detail (sleeve) of women's traditional costume of San Marino

0.85€ detail (robe, sleeve and satchel) of men's traditional costume from island of Rab, Croatia

Border: St Marinus, the stone mason, chiselling block

Note: joint issue with Croatia

073 Oct 16, 2012

80th anniversary of the San Marino-Rimini Electric Railway

Design: Stefania Saragoni (illustration).

Printing: litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 20 (5 x 4).

2.64€ electric railcar on line

074 Oct 16, 2012

Fighters For Freedom

Design: Giovanni Giulanelli.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheetlet: 6 stamps arranged in 3 strips of 2, plus gutter label.

1.74€ x 3 Filippo Turati, 1857-1932, sociologist, writer, poet, socialist politician, with Italian flag and manifesto

2.64€ x 3 Giacomo Matteotti, 1895-1924, Italian United Socialist Party politician, and blood smears over street scene with demonstrators and car

Label: marchers

Note: both were Italian opponents of fascism.

Matteotti was assassinated 11 days after speaking in parliament to denounce electoral fraud

075 Oct 16, 2012

Wines of the World. Wine Labels

Design: Valerio Pradal. All designs depict dated wine labels.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheetlet: 7 stamps arranged 4/3, separated by small labels.

1.00€ Kendall-Jackson Estate Chardonnay, California, USA

1.00€ Casillero de Diablo Cabernet

Sauvignon, Chile

1.00€ Mission Hill Estate Pinot Noir, British Columbia, Canada

1.00€ Octagon, James Barbour Estate, Virginia, USA

1.00€ Jacob's Creek Shiraz Cabernet, Victoria, Australia

1.00€ Luigi Bosca Malbec, Argentina

1.00€ Groot Constantia Gouvenerurs Reserve, Cape Province, South Africa

Border: background information (text)

076 Feb 13, 2013

1700th anniversary of the Edict of Milan

Design: Chiara Principe.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Miniature sheet (2 x 1): designs composite with border.

2.50€ ancient sculptures of Emperors

Constantine I and Licinius I enthroned, from Cathedral of Milan
2.50€ medal depicting Emperor Constantine I and his horse, map of Europe and Mediterranean Sea

Border: plan of ancient city (Mediolanum)

Note: declaration of religious tolerance by Constantine I

077 Feb 13, 2013

20th anniversary of World Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects

Design: Fabio Ferrini.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 20 (4 x 5).

0.85€ 'flying saucer' (UFO) appearing over tower of Monte Titano, San Marino

078 Feb 13, 2013

World Nordic Ski Championships, Val di Fiemme, Trentino, Italy

Design: Stefania Saragoni (stylised computer art).

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Miniature sheet: 3 separately spaced stamps, designs composite with border.

0.85€ skier jumping, boot in ski bindings

0.85€ skiers competing in Nordic (cross-country) event

0.85€ boots on skis

079 April 3, 2013

Made in San Marino, second issue. 70th anniversary of La Serenissima Confectionery Factory

Design: B & AR.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheet stamp:

0.70€ Torta Tre Monti (cake), with wrapper showing Monte Titano dated 1942, company emblem

080 April 3, 2013

Europa 2013. Postal Transport

Design: Stefano Morri.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 12 (3 x 4).

0.70€ early postal vehicle (c1910) outside Porta San Francesco, with man loading outside envelope into it

0.85€ VW Kombi bus in postal colours outside the Parva Domus building, with men loading outside postcard onto its roof

081 April 3, 2013

World Heart Day. Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease

Design: Fabio Ferrini.

Printing: litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 16 (4 x 4).

2.00€ stethoscopes, running man and heart with holes (cartoon)

082 April 3, 2013

Centenary of Gianni Widmer's Aircraft Landing

Design: Giovanni Cremonini.

Printing: litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

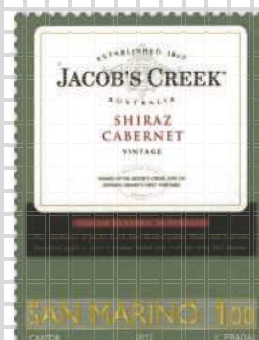
Sheet stamp: sheets of 20 (5 x 4).

1.90€ portrait of Gianni Widmer, 1892-1971, flying Blériot Type XI aircraft, monument to Widmer by Carlo Reffi in



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San Marino, distant view of Monte Titano

Note: the Slovene pilot made the first aircraft landing in San Marino, on April 16, 1913

083 April 3, 2013

800th Anniversary of Donation of the Mount La Verna to the Franciscans, May 8, 1213

Design: Antonella Napoleoni.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Miniature sheet:

3.50€ Earl Orlando Cattani donates the territory of Chiusi della Verna on Mount La Verna, Tuscany, to St Francis of Assisi and his religious order, at the Palazzo Nardini, San Leo, Rimini

Border: coat of arms of San Leo and St Marinus, coat of arms of Chiusi della Verna, map of the Montefeltro region including San Marino and San Leo

084 April 13, 2013

120th anniversary of Genoa Cricket & Athletic Club

Design: Meloria Communications.

Printing: litho, BDT, Ireland.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 12 (4 x 3).

1.00€ James Richardson Spensley, 1867-1915, shield with flag of St George and heraldic animal from North Stand of the Marassi Stadium, Genoa

Note: Spensley, an English surgeon and sportsman, joined the club in 1897. He organised its football team, becoming player/manager. He was also a founder of the Italian Football Championship, with Genoa CAC (also known as Genoa FC) winning the inaugural contest in 1898. Its Marassi Stadium (now the Luigi Ferrari Stadium) is still multi-sports

085 June 7, 2013

Aid to Africa. Inauguration of the Nursery School in Matola, Malawi

Design: Maddalena Medas.

Printing: litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

Sheetlet (2 x 3):

0.10€ x 6 two African children (silhouette) and outline of Europe and Africa with line linking San Marino and Malawi

Sheetlet (2 x 3):

0.70€ x 6 children at the Matola Nursery School

086 June 7, 2013

40th anniversary of the European Patent Convention (EPC)

Design: Mariangela Crisciotti (graphic illustration).

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Sheetlet (2 x 3):

0.85€ x 6 head of a man filled with cogwheels, and coloured shapes (documents)

087 June 7, 2013

Juventus, Italian Football Champions 2012-2013

Design: Marco Ventura.

Printing: litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

Sheetlet (4 x 3):

1.00€ x 12 Juventus football team (from Turin) celebrating

088 June 7, 2013

Church of San Giovanni Battista, Patron of the

Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Design: B & AR, from photographs.

Printing: litho, Cartor.

Miniature sheet (2 x 1): design composite with border.

1.90€ church exterior and arches

3.20€ high altar, with painting of St John the Baptist

Border: church exterior and roof of nave; simplified coat of arms of San Marino and SMOM

Note: joint issue with the postal service of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta

089 June 7, 2013

550th anniversary of the Determination of the Borders of San Marino

Design: Marco Biordi.

Printing: gravure, IPZS, Rome.

Miniature sheet: 4 se-tenant stamps, designs composite with border.

0.70€ map of 1463 with part of Commune of San Marino outlined

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Border: further sections of the map, including the Montefeltro lands, and Papal Bull (document) of June 27, 1463

Note: the agreement was jointly ratified by Pope Pius II for the Papal States and the Captains-General for San Marino. The map is illuminated with various flora and fauna. Joint issue with Italy

090 Oct 9, 2013

50th anniversary of the Italian Centre for Thematic Philately (CIFT)

Design: Franco Filanci.

Printing: litho, ÖSD, Vienna.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 10 (5 x 2).

1.00€ title page of *Notiziario Tematico* (thematic stamp journal), four San Marino stamps featuring the Rugby World Cup, Mother Teresa, the Olympic torch and a butterfly, illustrated postmark of 1959 showing helicopter, pre-stamp cover, meter mark noting San Marino Grand Prix of 1986

SOUTH AFRICA

(last listed in March 2015)

091 Sept 17, 2014

National Parks

Design: from photographs by Koos van der Lende.

Printing: litho, Cartor. Die-cut perf 11.15 (wavy line).

Self-adhesive sheetlet: 5 separately spaced stamps.

B5 (5.95r) Addo Elephant National Park, Eastern Cape: elephants at waterhole

B5 (5.95r) Karoo National Park, Western Cape: escarpment

B5 (5.95r) Kruger National Park, Transvaal: wetland

B5 (5.95r) Augrabies Falls National Park, Northern Cape: canyon of Orange River below falls

B5 (5.95r) Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Northern Cape (partly in Botswana): tableland with storm clouds

SPAIN

(last listed in Feb 2015)

092 June 3, 2013

Endangered Marine Species

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Miniature sheet (2 x 2): designs composite with border.

0.37€ North Atlantic right whale, *Eubalaena glacialis*

0.37€ bluefin tuna, *Thunnus thynnus*

0.37€ Mediterranean monk seal, *Monachus monachus*

0.37€ sea lamprey, *Petromyzon marinus*

Lower border: seabed fauna, including corals

093 June 11, 2013

150th anniversary of the Barcelona-Sarrià Railway

Printing: litho.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

0.52€ steam locomotive No5 (1860s), built by Sharp & Stewart (UK), in use until 1905

094 June 11, 2013

State Institutions. The Public Treasury Inspection Service

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

0.52€ handstamp (1881) of the Inspección de Los Servicios de Hacienda Pública, for validation of documents

095 June 13, 2013

40th anniversary of the First Performances of Miliki the Clown

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

0.37€ portrait drawing of Miliki (Emilio Aragón Bermúdez, 1929-2012)

Note: Miliki and his family emigrated to Cuba in 1939, and toured the Americas with circuses until Miliki returned to Spain. Miliki also studied and performed music

096 June 18, 2013

Bridges of Spain

Printing: litho, State Mint. Format 74½mm x 28¾mm.

Sheet stamps:

1.00€ Puente del Tajo, Ronda

2.00€ Puente de Puenteillas, Palencia

097 June 20, 2013

Bridges of Spain

Printing: litho (Piedra) or gravure (Sancho el Mayor), State Mint. Format 41mm x 57½mm.

Sheet stamps:

1.00€ Puente de Piedra, Logroño

1.00€ Puente de Sancho el Mayor, Navarre

098 June 27, 2013

Day of the Victims of Terrorism

Design: Lucinda Morrissey.

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

37c crowd with raised hands, artwork 'No To Terrorism!'

099 July 4, 2013

Religious Personalities

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 25.



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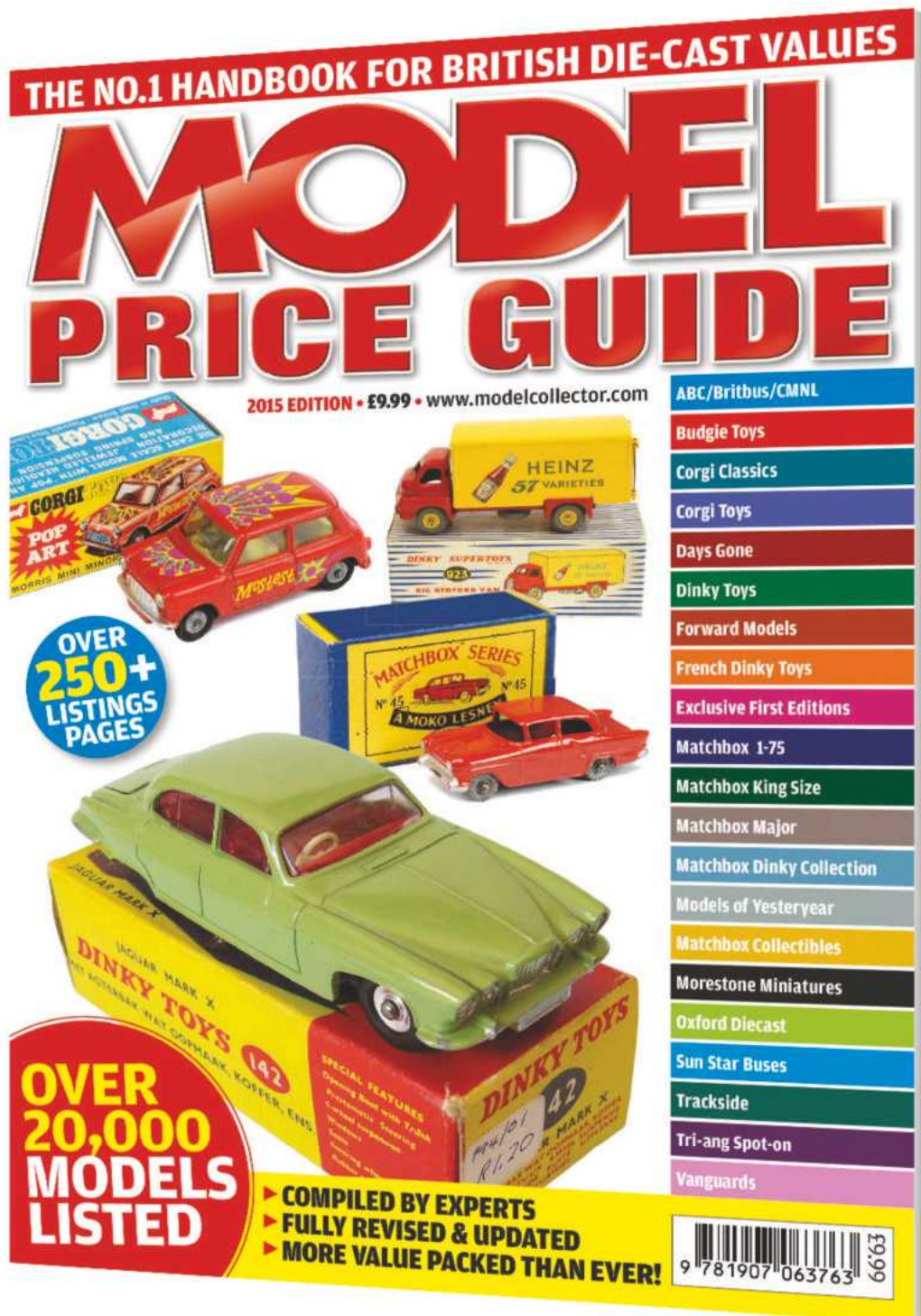
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- 0.90€ St Telmo (Pedro González Telmo), c1190-1246, priest and Benedictine monk: portrait in robes, and Cathedral of Santa Maria, Tui
- 0.90€ St Joseph of Cupertino, 1603-1683: sculpture of angels carrying body aloft
- 0.90€ Friar Rosendo Salvado y Rotea, 1814-1900: photograph of the Benedictine monk, missionary and first Bishop of New Norcia, Western Australia

100 July 9, 2013

Spain, World Men's Handball Champions

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Miniature sheet:

- 1.00€ hand holding ball with tournament and sponsor logos

Border: team photograph

101 July 11, 2013

Confirmation of the Privileges & Tenures of Araneses

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

- 0.52€ cupped hands sprinkling wheat onto a chest bearing the royal coat of arms
- Note: since 1175, people of the Val d'Aran in the central Pyrenees paid a tithe to the Aragonese monarch in the form of one galin (c20 litres) of wheat per household, in return for privileges and protection; a codifying document, the Era Querimonia, granted by King James II on August 23, 1313, confirmed the practices, and allowed new freedoms and tenures

102 Sept 17, 2013

Spanish Fashion Houses, seventh issue. Paco Rabanne

Printing: gravure, State Mint.

Miniature sheet: 4 stamps arranged in 2 pairs.

- 0.52€ floor-length dress of silver plastic discs, metal rings and chains
- 0.52€ mini-dress with chequer-quilt pattern of cotton and metallic pieces in turquoise and yellow
- 0.52€ short see-through dress made from pink plastic strips
- 0.52€ near knee-length dress made from rhodoid (patented material) gold-coloured discs connected with golden thread

Note: Paco Rabanne was born Francisco Rabaneda-Cuerva in 1934

103 Sept 18, 2013

Civic Values, 9th issue. School Activities & Interaction

Printing: gravure, State Mint.

Miniature sheet: 4 separately spaced stamps, designs composite with border.

- 0.37€ fellowship: boy and girl with crayons, in a schoolroom
- 0.37€ respect: three children sitting on a park bench
- 0.37€ sport: girl kicking football and boy goalkeeper
- 0.37€ road safety: boy and girl at traffic light beside pedestrian crossing (light has all three colours showing)

104 Sept 20, 2013

Exfila 2013 National Stamp Exhibition, León

Printing: litho, State Mint, on thick paper.

Miniature sheet:

- 3.10€ stained glass window of King Ferdinand I of León and Castile, and Basilica of San Isidoro de León

105 Sept 25, 2013

Bridges of Spain

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamps:

- 1.00€ Puente del Dragón (Dragon Bridge) over Guadaira River at Acalá de Guadaira, near Seville, built in 2007
- 2.00€ Puente Ingeniero Carlos Fernández Cassado, carrying motorway AP-66 over the Barrios de Luna lake at León, built from 1981-1983

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

- 2€ Puente del Pilar over the River Ebro at Zaragoza, built in 19th century, with Basilica of Pilar in background

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

- 3.10€ Roman bridge over the River Guadaira at Mérida, built in 1st century AD

106 Oct 3, 2013

UPAEP. Fight Against Discrimination

Design: Studio Jesus Sanchez, from drawing.

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Self-adhesive sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

- 0.37€ *No Des La Espalda* (Do Not Turn Away): line of men turning their backs on a seated women

107 Oct 5, 2013

State Institutions. 250th anniversary of the State Lottery

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamp: sheets of 25.

- 0.37€ hand holding lottery ball No250, tumbler holding balls

108 Oct 8, 2013

Fungi

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 60 (6 x 10), arranged in 20 horizontally se-tenant strips of 3.

- 0.37€ *Agaricus xanthoderma*
- 0.37€ *Amanita pantherina*
- 0.37€ *Marasmius oreades*

109 Oct 9, 2013

Bridges of Spain

Printing: recess and litho, State Mint.

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

- 3.10€ Puente de Frias, over the River Ebro, Burgos, built in 14th century

Miniature sheet:

- 3.10€ Puente de Toledo, over the Manzanares River, Madrid, built 1713-1732, topped with statues of St Isidro Labrador and Santa Maria de la Cabeza

110 Oct 14, 2013

Juvenia 2013 National Youth Stamp Exhibition, Alicante

Design: Ramiro de Undabeytia.

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 25.

- 0.75€ young philatelists on Alicante beach

111 Oct 23, 2013

150th anniversary of the Red Cross

Printing: gravure, State Mint.

Miniature sheet: 6 stamps laid in the style of domino tiles around central label.

- 0.90€ x 6 Red Cross and texts 'Emision Comunita/España Belgica'

Label: Red Cross founder Henri Dunant within a heart-shape

Note: the layout means two stamps are upright, one sideways left, one sideways right and two inverted. Joint issue with Belgium (the Belgian issue had microprinted text in multiple languages within the Red Cross motif on each stamp)

112 Nov 5, 2013

75th Birthdays of King Juan Carlos II & Queen Sophia

Printing: recess and litho, State Mint.

Miniature sheet:

- 3€ double portrait of King and Queen, and royal crest

Border: Palacio Real in Madrid

113 Nov 6, 2013

Christmas 2013 & New Year 2014

Printing: litho, State Mint. Die-cut perf 13. Non-denominated.

Self-adhesive sheet stamps: sheets of 25.

- A (0.37€) *Mary Feeding Jesus*, painting by Alonso Cano
- B (0.75€) clock at Puerta del Sol, Madrid, showing midnight, with fireworks and 12 grapes (traditionally eaten in time with the bell chimes at New Year)

114 Nov 12, 2013

Sports for All

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 60 (6 x 10) arranged in 20 horizontally se-tenant strips of 3.

- 0.37€ long-distance jogging
- 0.37€ cycle-touring
- 0.37€ mountain-walking

115 Nov 14, 2013

400th anniversary of Relations Between Spain & Japan. Flowers

Printing: litho, State Mint.

Sheet stamps: sheets of 50 arranged in horizontally se-tenant pairs.

- 0.90€ pelargonium (geranium)
- 0.90€ Thunberg's bushclover, *Lespedeza thunbergii*

Note: joint issue with Japan. Japan issued a miniature sheet with the same two designs in 80y denominations

116 Nov 15, 2013

81st Birthday of Adolfo Suárez González

Printing: recess and litho, State Mint.

Miniature sheet: design composite with border.

- 3.10€ portrait of González, Minister-President of Spain 1976-1981

Border: government buildings

TUNISIA

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117 April 23, 2014

City Gates

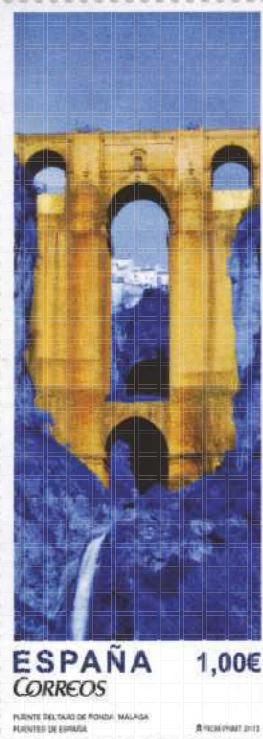
Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

- 250m Bab ad-Diwan, Sfax
- 600m Borj El Ghazi Mustapha, Djerba



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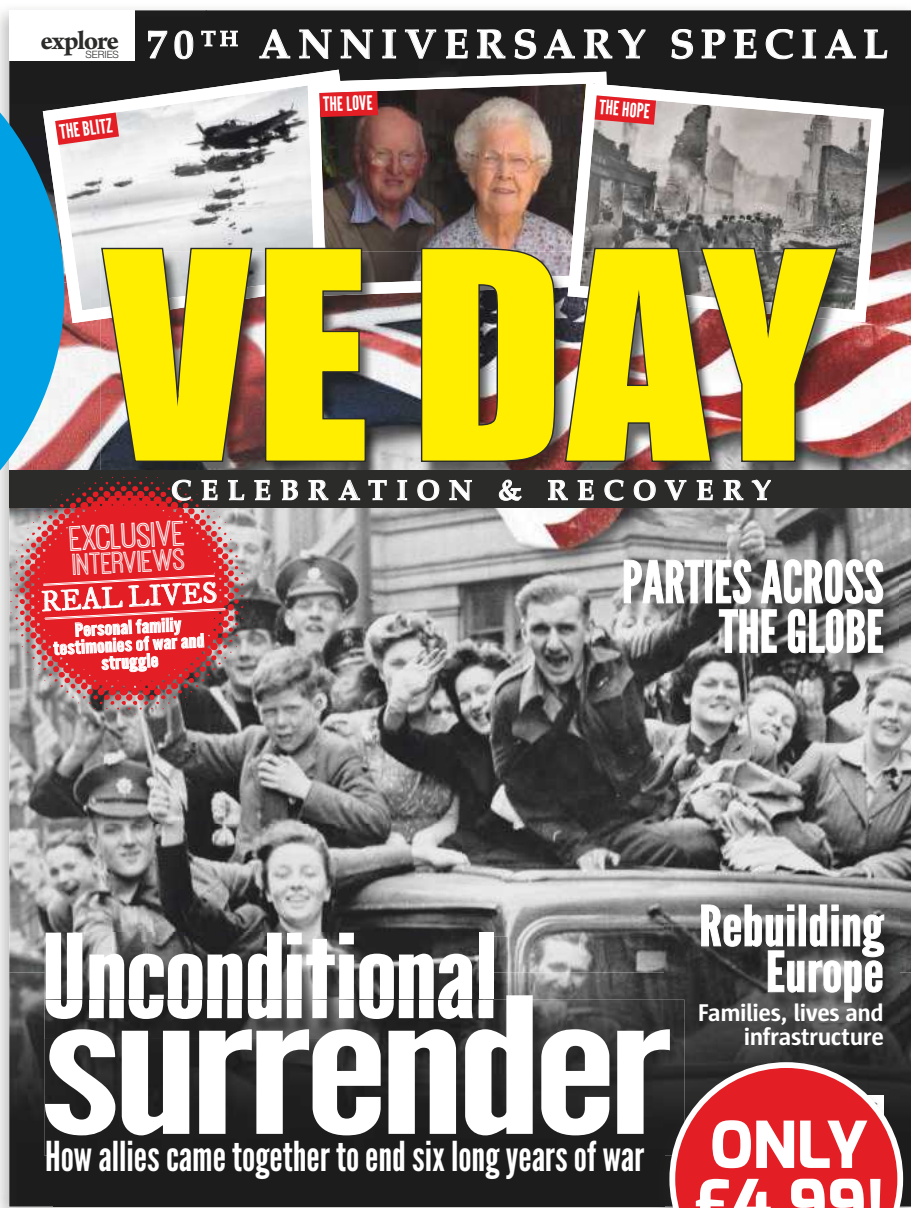
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Miniature sheet:

250m, 600m, designs as sheet stamps
Border: view of walls of Sfax.

Note: miniature sheet sold at a premium, at 1dh

118 May 1, 2014

Labour Day. Respecting the Value of Intellectual & Manual Work

Design: Hela Ben Cheikh.

Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

250m manual work: hand of craft worker, with painted ceramics, decorative panels, baskets, wrought iron work
390m intellectual work: chemical flasks, pile of books

119 June 11, 2014

National Day of Cleanliness & Maintenance of the Environment

Design: Shihem Chaâbene and Hela Ben Cheikh.

Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

250m Day of Cleanliness emblem, and house with garden
1000m recycling and renewable energy: newly planted tree bearing map of Tunisia with arrows indicating photosynthesis, wind turbines and solar panel, man using litter basket

120 Sept 22, 2014

PAPU Postal Forum on Electronic Commerce, Hammamet, Tunisia, September 22-23, 2014

Design: Amor Zammouri.

Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

600m logo 'e-commerce Africa 2014' with map and Tunisian emblem

Note: the Pan African Postal Union conference members were charged with implementing the UPU Postal Strategy on Electronic & Mobile Commerce 2013-2016

121 Oct 9, 2014

Postage Stamp Day (World Post Day)

Design: Souhir Charfi (cartoon).

Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

250m children unrolling scroll which has illustrations of Tunisian stamps

122 Oct 14, 2014

175th anniversary of the Treaty of Friendship & Commerce Between Tunis & Belgium

Design: Sihem Chaâbene.

Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

1000m mock 19th-century document with handshake, '175', Belgian and Tunisian colours, wax seal dated 1839

Note: treaty concluded between representatives of Leopold I, King of Belgium, and Ahmed Pasha Bey, ruler of Tunis. The two countries established full diplomatic relations in 1957

123 Oct 15, 2014

World Day of Rural Women

Design: Oussama Bouaziz.

Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

2350m ladybird walking past three women (one using a mobile phone) with

baskets of picked olives and an oversize silver coin (with coat of arms)

124 Nov 18, 2014

Lighthouses of Tunisia

Design: from photographs.

Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

900m lighthouse of Taguermess (island of Djerba)
1350m lighthouse of Sidi Bou Saïd

125 Dec 19, 2014

Butterflies of Tunisia

Design: Hela Ben Cheikh.

Printing: litho, Post Printer, Tunis.

Sheet stamps:

250m sooty orange-tip, *Zegris eupheme*
250m southern gatekeeper, *Pyronia cecilia*
250m red-underwing skipper, *Spialia sertorius*
600m cabbage butterfly, *Pieris brassicae*

Miniature sheet (2 x 2):

250m, 250m, 250m, 600m, designs as sheet stamps
Border: flowers
Note: miniature sheet sold at a premium, at 1750m. The butterfly on the third stamp seems to have been misidentified

VANUATU

(last listed in April 2015)

126 May 7, 2014

Wan Smolbag Theatre & 25th anniversary Theatre Festival

Design: Denise Durkin.

Printing: litho, Southern Colour Print, New Zealand.

Sheet stamps:

10vt poster noting 'Step Wan' (legs of islanders on stairway)
40vt 'Vanua-ta, of Land and Sea': theatrical performance and turtle protection programme (turtle being carried to sea by WSB volunteer conservation monitor)
120vt *Love Patrol*, a WSB-sponsored television programme promoting social action and reproductive health: television cameraman and actress scene from play *Las Kad*, and pack of cards
300vt

Note: Wan Smolbag Theatre is a touring Pacific theatre, educational and social welfare organisation

127 July 23, 2014

Cocktails in Paradise. Cocktails & Tourist Sights of Vanuatu

Design: Denise Durkin. All designs are in the shape of a cocktail glass, with a tourist sight superimposed.

Printing: litho, Southern Colour Print, NZ. Die-cut freeform.

Self-adhesive sheet stamps:

70vt Feel the Heat: volcanic eruption
100vt Underwater Posties Delight: post office on sea floor
180vt Sea Breeze: café table (International Post flash in blue)
250vt Paradise Punch: sunset over ocean with moored yacht

128 Oct 29, 2014

Extreme Sports

Design: Denise Durkin.

Printing: litho, Southern Colour Print, NZ.

Sheet stamps:

50vt man and woman kiteboarding
120vt off-road buggies crossing river (International Post flash in blue)
160vt parasailing (International Post flash in blue)
190vt jet-boating in ocean (International Post flash in blue)

129 Dec 5, 2014

Nelson Mandela, 1918-2013

Design: Denise Durkin. All designs include a photograph of Mandela, flags of South Africa and Vanuatu, and a lengthy quotation from Mandela linked to the occasion portrayed.

Printing: litho, Southern Colour Print, NZ.

Sheet stamps:

40vt Mandela raising clenched fist
120vt Mandela in orange university gown (International Post flash in blue)
150vt Mandela lifting up the FIFA Football World Cup trophy (International Post flash in blue)
200vt Mandela at leisure

ZIMBABWE

(last listed in June 2014 issue)

130 June 3, 2014

The History of Transport in Zimbabwe

Design: Leslie Johnson.

Printing: litho, NatPrint, Harare.

Sheet stamps:

25c Tonga sledge (1890s), hauled by four donkeys, loaded with crops
30c Model A Ford Phaeton car (1928)
30c steam locomotive *Winston Churchill* (1929, named after Churchill in 1946)
75c De Havilland Fox-Moth aircraft overflying Victoria Falls (c1946)
85c Bristol school bus, used by Guinea Fowl School in Gweru (1946-1980)
\$1 Scotch cart, two wheel cart drawn by oxen, carrying timber (1964)

Note: The 75c is inscribed 'Pheaton' in error. Spencer's Garage operated short tourist flights over Victoria Falls from 1932, using various aircraft

131 July 29, 2014

National Heroes

Design: Lucia Marisamhuka (Terrie Lue Graphics). All designs include a portrait, the Zimbabwe flag and a detail of a monument at the Heroes Acre burial ground.

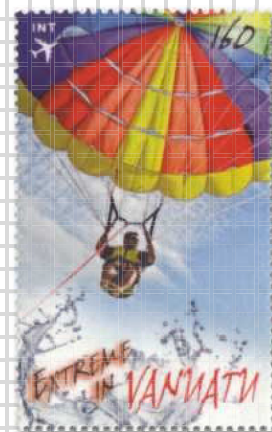
Printing: litho, NatPrint, Harare.

Sheet stamps:

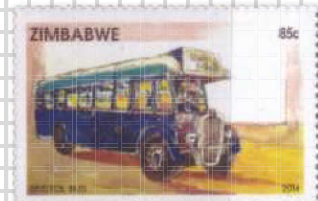
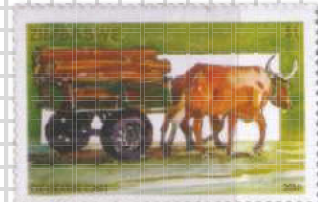
30c Sabina Gabriel Mugabe, 1929-2010, agronomist, social welfare activist, government minister
75c Kumbirai Manyika Kangai, 1938-2013, co-founder of Zanu PF political party, government minister
85c Stephen Kenneth Susulelo Yuma, 1924-2013, politician, central planner, finance director
\$1 Eric Nyakudya Gwanzura, 1924-2013, freedom fighter, teacher, politician



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Report by John Winchester

The 'end of the world' doom-mongers were out in force for the Winter Solstice in 2012, when the coincidence of two events became all too much for them.

For hundreds of years the Mayan civilisation of Central America was regulated by the Long Count calendar, which dated the creation to August 11, 3114 BC, and divided the past and future into a succession of epochs. Even after the demise of the Maya in the 17th century, some continued to observe the Long Count, and noted that the end of an epoch was due on December 21, 2012.

There was no indication from ancient writings that this date was ill-omened; indeed it would probably have been greeted by the Maya with great festivities. Nonetheless, it was assumed by many to have special global significance.

Now came a second realisation. The end of the epoch would coincide with a cosmic phenomenon, the so-called Grand Parade of the Planets, in which the Earth and the other five brightest planets in the solar system came close to alignment on the same side of the Sun. Viewed from the Earth, they looked like a string of pearls draped across the night sky. Were the simultaneous happenings a sign of the end of the world?

One onlooker who got too carried away was Todor Vardzhiev, who was asked to design Bulgaria Post's miniature sheet commemorating the Grand Parade. He depicted not only Mercury, Venus, Earth,



ABOVE: Bulgaria 2012 Grand Parade of the Planets miniature sheet

Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in alignment, but also, contrary to astronomical fact, Uranus and Neptune. If the sheet had been a little larger, the inference of a partially drawn outer orbit is that Pluto would have been included too.

Of course the day passed without incident. But did Vardzhiev know something the Maya didn't? Was his vision a warning of the planetary orientation required for a cataclysm? Or was it just a simple mistake? Embarrassing, but not the end of the world. □

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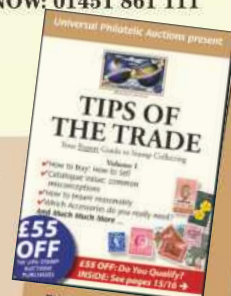
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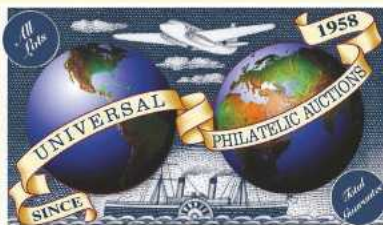
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I can remember the day I found my Father's stamp collection in the bottom drawer of the bureau in the dining room more than 45 years ago. Aged 11, I was excited travelling the world through his stamps. In those days every school had a stamp club and mine was no exception. I took the collection to school and joined the stamp club. When Mr. Armitage (the Chemistry Teacher who ran the club) asked what stamps we collected I said "Wurttemberg" – much to everybody's surprise. In fact they were from Austria and the page was misclassified. They were those imperforate 1920's Austrian Newspaper stamps which fascinated me and as everybody now knows are hardly worth anything ... but probably they helped me get started in stamps.

Over following years I found little help in understanding stamps, so much had to be learned the hard-way, which is why my company UPA publishes what I dare to hope are useful articles about collecting and buying and selling stamps. It is my hope that these prove valuable to you and that we may serve you if you decide to contact us ...

There are several different types of stamp businesses

In fact no two stamp dealers are alike. What a truism that is. Once in Amsterdam I made the mistake of admitting to the owner of the stamp shop I was visiting that I was a dealer. In almost perfect English "We Don't sell to Dealers" and he turned his back. So did I - as I left his shop. But over the years I discovered that the only way to succeed in stamps was to create a business of stamp selling systems and join them all together. This is what allows us to handle stamps from literally every single country in the world. Recently in coming articles which I shall call 'Case Studies' the strength of this business model has become apparent.

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Thank you for reading

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